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**ANNOUNCES BUDGET:** King Khalid announces the new fiscal budget beginning May 5. The King chaired a cabinet meeting in Riyadh Sunday which approved a record SR298 billion state budget.

### Allocations of sectors

Sector	1981/82 allocations in millions	1980/81 allocations in millions	difference in millions	percentage
Public Administration	29,863	17,964	11,899	24
Defense sector	65,253	55,982	9,271	17
Security sector	17,279	12,963	4,316	33
Human Resources	26,248	22,604	3,644	16
Social Development	13,716	12,334	1,382	11
Transportation and Communications	45,343	32,097	13,246	10
Economic Resources	21,140	19,371	1,769	9
Infrastructure	14,062	11,764	2,298	20
Municipal Services	26,291	19,745	6,546	33
<b>Human Resources Sector</b>				
Education Ministry	9,835	9,568		
General Presidency of Girls' Education	4,867	3,871		
Riyadh University	3,386	3,128		
King Abdul Aziz University	1,392	1,369		

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## SR298b budget approved

**Substantial salary increases; roads, desalination, medical services are main features**

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — King Khalid Sunday approved a record state budget of SR 298 billion for the fiscal year beginning Rajab 1 (May 5).

Crown Prince Fahd said after a cabinet meeting Sunday chaired by the King that revenues of the new budget were estimated at SR340 billion, showing a surplus of SR42 billion.

"The budget was studied with great accuracy and carries an increase of SR 33 billion over the year before", the crown prince said in a statement to the Saudi Press Agency.

The main features of the new budget stress development of roads, desalination and medical services, Fahd added. He said that the budget also carried substantial salary increases for the military and civil servants.

Sunday cabinet meeting was also attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and civil aviation.

King Khalid, who lauded "the ministry of finance and all those who prepared the budget" said the new budget "carries well-being to all our nationals and covers the Kingdom with fruitful projects."

Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer also said that there "is tangible increase in outlays for the development funds of agriculture, real estate and industry."

In a statement the Ministry of Finance and National Economy said it was pleased to present the state budget which will come into force in Rajab 1, 1401, corresponding to May 5, 1981, until the end of Jumad Al-Thania, 1402, corresponding to the end of April, 1982. Following are the details of the outstanding features of the new budget as given by the ministry.

(1) In accordance with the royal decree on the budget, the state revenue for the new fiscal year has been estimated at SR 340

billion. The overall expenditure sanctioned for programs and projects of this budget is SR298 billion. The difference of nearly SR42 billion will be added to the state's general reserve.

(2) Budgetary outlays of the new fiscal year is in excess of the previous fiscal year 1400/1401 by SR 33 billion. The sanction for the previous fiscal year, with additional sanctions provided during the same year, was SR 265 billion, of which the actual expenditure was SR 128 billion. The balance was spent on operational expenditures, and the surplus will be made over to the state's general reserve, in accordance with the decree on the general budget.

(3) Before going into the details of the new budget, it is necessary to mention the significant results achieved during the previous fiscal year. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in sectors other than oil during the previous year is estimated to have achieved an actual 12 per cent growth, showing an increase of 6.2 per cent over the general average expected in the plan. It is also a little more than the actual 11.8 per cent growth rate during 1399/1400.

In regard to inflation, the orientation policy in government expenditure and a moderate rate of growth in cash during the previous period, have led to better results. The rate of inflation during the previous year was expected to be within 7.8 per cent while it was more than 8 per cent in fiscal year 1399/1400.

(4) The available figures and statistics have confirmed that the absorbing capacity of the national economy has increased due to growing capability of the productive sector, services and infrastructure including seaports, roads, airports, wireless and telecommunications, means of transport and supply, means of storage and the construction of a number of good office and residential buildings.

The increased absorbing capacity of the national economy has opened the avenue for increasing budget sanctions in the manner it has been decided upon, hoping it would not bring inflationary pressures. Therefore, all new projects, especially those connected with the development of areas, towns and small villages, have been approved in accordance with the requirements and fundamentals of the third development plan.

The overall cost of the new sanctioned projects in this budget is more than SR 136 billion, and work will start on them with effect from fiscal year 1401/1402.

(5) In view of the above, due consideration has been given in the new budget to the desire for developing health and municipal services, water and electrical networks, drainage with its expansion to all urban and rural areas and settlements, beautification of roads, localities and public squares and the construction of public parks and gardens.

Beside the development of areas, consideration has also been given to the need for expanding, developing and constructing of a good network of roads in different areas and turning some of the roads into dual-lane highways and expressways.

In addition to the development of road projects, budget allocations have been made for new desalination and central power plants.

(6) Increased budget allocations have been made for the salaries of civil and military employees, in accordance with the royal directives to amend the pay scales on the basis of related royal decrees.

(7) The minimum limit for the Real Estate Development Fund loans has been raised from SR 100,000 to SR 200,000, in respect of ordinary housing loans in rural areas and settlements.

(8) Following is a brief explanation of the budget's expenditure programs spread into main items:

(A) **Development of manpower**  
The state will give a special importance to education and training, driving inspiration from the right concept: the development of manpower is one of the principal means and the ultimate aim of development. Therefore, a sum of SR 26.248 billion has been allocated for the education sector, as against SR 22.6 billion for the year preceding. This shows an increase of SR 3.644 billion, or 16 per cent, over the last year's educational budget.

In allocating this amount, consideration has been given to the growing number of students and trainees expected to be admitted in schools, universities and various training centers spread all over the country. In addition, a sum of SR 9.9 billion has been earmarked to boost the program of building modern schools in the country.

In this budget, necessary funds have been allocated for the construction of nearly 600 schools, 26 intermediate colleges, 18 health units, 16 public libraries, 26 administrative buildings for education departments and eight sports complexes for students.

In addition, necessary fund allocations have been made for the completion of university campuses and centers of vocational training and commercial and industrial education.

(B) **Transport and Communication**  
This sector contains basic elements for the growth of economic and social activity, such as roads, seaports, airports, airlines and railroads, wireless and telecommunications as well as postal services. The new budget has allocated SR35.343 billion for this sector, which averages 12 per cent of the volume of the general budget. Of this amount, SR32.730 billion is earmarked for projects and SR3.012 billion for recurring expenditures. The amount registers an increase of SR3.247 billion, or 10 per cent, over the budget allocations of 1400/1401.

It is worth mentioning that the budget of the Ministry of Communications consists of a large number of new road projects whose overall cost is estimated at nearly SR15 billion, and work on those projects will start this year. An estimated amount of nearly SR3.5 billion will be spent on these projects during fiscal year 1401/1402.

(C) **Development of Economic Resources**  
This sector includes the Ministry of

## Uniform OPEC prices by year-end -- Yamani

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani was quoted Sunday as saying he expected the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to agree on a unified pricing structure sometime this year.

But in an interview with the Beirut English-language weekly *Monday Morning*, he said he was not optimistic about agreement being reached at an OPEC conference due to take place in Geneva at the end of this month. Asked if Saudi Arabia would be pressing for lower uniform oil prices at the conference, Sheikh Yamani said: "That is our hope, but we are not optimistic that we will realize it in May. However, if it does not happen in May, it will happen sometime this year."

He did not want a reduction in the present base price of \$32 a barrel, but some producers had gone above that level. "We think that the OPEC members which have gone above the base price will perhaps reduce their prices, because already the market price of their crude is much lower than the official prices they have fixed. However, it's up to them. The decision is theirs," he said.

Sheikh Yamani, interviewed in Amman, said: "Production will definitely come down

everywhere if we have a unified price system. The market forces, given a unified price, will cut down the level of production in every member country, including Saudi Arabia."

A unified price structure was likely to be agreed sometime this year "because once we get through the summer, which is the most difficult period, then the producers will be in a better position to make that decision."

The oil minister said that if the Iran-Iraq war ended, both countries would start production at a sizeable capacity. "Should a sizeable surplus develop, we could have a rather difficult time facing the situation, trying to bring the level of production down to the level of demand. The price level would probably come down as well." He added: "if it (the war) does not end, and if it does not escalate, we will continue to have a small surplus in 1982 — probably a bit larger than the year's surplus. This will entail some pressure on the price structure, but OPEC will be in a better position to face that situation."

He said Iraq was currently producing a little under one million barrels of oil a day, while Iranian output was about two million barrels.

Asked about damage to Iraqi and Iranian oil installations as a result of the war, he said that the damage was sizable. "We think that if the war comes to an end, the two nations will be able to raise production, producing at least six million barrels a day and that will enable them to rebuild their economies," but "it would also increase the surplus on the market."

Turning to Middle East issues, Sheikh Yamani said he hoped the United States would launch a new peace initiative after Israeli election next month. He said that it should differ from the policy of former President Jimmy Carter, based on the Camp David peace accord between Israel and Egypt.

"So far, the (Reagan) administration has not placed enough emphasis on the Arab-Israeli conflict, but we think that attitude will change in a few months, after the Israeli elections," he said. "We are hopeful that they (the Americans) will then be in a position to start taking steps toward a solution of the problem and that those steps will differ from the Camp David avenue."

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## CCC wins SR400 m contract

By Adnan Sadeq  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 3 — A contract for the construction of a bridge linking the center of the capital with Khurais road was awarded Sunday to Consolidated Contractors Company at a cost of SR400 million. The signing of the agreement will take place next week. At 300 meters, the bridge will be the longest in the city.

It will start from the center of the city and wind up through the airport Sitten, and Haza roads and connect up with Islam and Mather roads, the new bridge will ease traffic movement considerably, according to official sources.

Another part of the project involves the widening of the Khurais road to 84 meters to allow for a fast and smooth traffic movement while the Arab Gulf street will become 60 meters wide stretching between the ministry of Petroleum and the Air Academy.

Three-lane service roads will ensure easy access to the residential and commercial areas along the course of the bridge. The bridge which will be close to the airport, will be provided with a special illumination in order not to interfere with aircraft landing nearby.

## Uneasy truce in Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Syrian troops and Lebanese Christian forces observed an uneasy truce Sunday as Syria drew up proposals for ending the latest crisis.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam was expected to return to Lebanon Monday amid mounting international pressure to reach one form of agreement with the right-wing Christians. Troops from the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) battled Phalangist militiamen in Beirut, Lebanon's central highlands and the eastern town of Zahle for much of last month.

Israel intervened by shooting down to Syrian helicopters in eastern Lebanon last week on raising fears that the conflict could spread. Security sources said there have been no major clashes between the ADF and the Phalangists since the current ceasefire took effect five days ago, but the potential for a new flare-up remains.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Sunday that diplomatic efforts had failed to resolve the crisis so far.

Lebanese right-wing leader Camille Chamoun said in an interview published Sunday he had asked for a total Syrian military withdrawal from Lebanon during talks with the Syrian minister. But informed Lebanese sources said there was no question of Syria agreeing to a complete pullout.

## 102 persons freed Hijacked plane stormed

LE TOUQUET, France, May 3 (Agencies) — Para-military police stormed a hijacked Irish airliner late Saturday night and freed 102 persons held hostage by a former Australian monk expelled from the Trappist Order. Police said no one was hurt in the assault on the Aer Lingus Boeing 737 and the monk, who had doused himself in petrol, was in custody.

The ex-monk seized the plane on a scheduled flight from Dublin to London and ordered the pilot to fly to Le Touquet on British Channel coast where he held passengers and crew for eight hours. The hijacker identified himself as Laurence James Downey. He said in a nine-page document thrown onto Le Touquet airport runway that he had been expelled from a monastery in Rome while serving as a member of the strict Trappist order and wanted to go to Iran.

He threatened to blow up the plane with everyone on board unless it was refueled and flown to Tehran. He also demanded publication of a statement explaining his action in the *Irish Independent* a Dublin daily newspaper.

He freed six children and their five mothers after the plane had been on the ground for more than four hours. Irish Transport Minister Albert Reynolds, who flew to Le Touquet to help with the negotiations, said the crucial moment came when Downey agreed to free another woman who had become violently ill. Police rushed aboard the plane through two

doors as the woman was being taken off. They broke down the flight deck door and found Downey crouching on the floor soaked in petrol.

Christian Prouteau, leader of the police squad, told Reuters: "The move he made was as if he were reaching for a lighter. But we moved faster and stopped him." Prouteau said Downey turned out to be unarmed but was carrying several bottles of petrol. Reynolds said all passengers were carefully searched at Dublin airport and their baggage X-rayed but bottles of petrol would not have been detected.

The former monk was Sunday undergoing exhaustive questioning by police here. He will go before an investigation magistrate Monday, according to court sources at the channel port of Boulogne, whose legal authorities cover Le Touquet.

In Perth, Australia, police said Downey is wanted in connection with an alleged 70,000 Australian dollar (\$80,000) land fraud. A police spokesman said a warrant for the arrest of the man, Laurence James Downey, had been issued in Perth in April 1977. He was wanted for questioning about the alleged loss of the money by a client of a company of which he was a director, the spokesman said. Downey is a native of Perth. His wife, five grown children and his sister, a Roman Catholic nun, all live in the city.

In Ireland, police in Shannon, where Downey ran a language school, said they had been seeking him to serve a summons on him alleging assault on the husband of one of his woman teachers. And a man who said he had known Downey for two years said he was regarded as an eccentric who had drafted a new constitution for Iran.

## Kreisky arriving tomorrow

VIENNA, May 3 (AP) — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, leading a high-powered Austrian economics delegation, is scheduled to pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia May 5-7, his office reported Sunday. The Austrian government, a purchaser of Saudi Arabian crude oil, is seeking to transact business with the Kingdom and finalize a number of pending projects.

Unlike West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, sources here said, the Austrians are seeking to win a contract for the shipment to Saudi Arabia of light battle tanks. Kreisky, who will be accompanied by lawmakers, senior government officials and representatives of thirteen Austrian firms, last visited Saudi Arabia in February 1980.

The Gulf News Agency reported Sunday that Austria was willing to discuss military cooperation with arms sales to Saudi Arabia "with a cordial spirit." It quoted the Austrian ambassador to Saudi Arabia as telling a Saudi Arabian newspaper that Chancellor Kreisky will also explore chances of working out a comprehensive Middle East solution.

In this connection, Schmidt was quoted as saying that Austria insists on giving the Palestinians a role in any peace talks involving Arab and Israeli parties. "Saudi Arabia's keenness on defending itself is indeed in the interest of peace and stability in the (Gulf) region," the agency quoted Schmidt as saying. "Any country has a right to seek weapons wherever it pleases to defend its gains."

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**Naif says**

# Provincial system to reduce centralism

JEDDAH, May 3 — Interior Minister Prince Naif said the proposed provincial system will help reduce centralism without being fully independent of the central government.

In a statement to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Sunday, Prince Naif said the system ordered by King Khaled two years ago is almost ready, and is intended to improve governmental efficiency at the provincial level by appointing a prince to every province and giving him wide powers.

The housing schemes of the ministry eventually will cost SR16 billion and will provide accommodation to the staff and personnel of the Interior Ministry in various parts of the country. "The scheme will cover the Kingdom." Most of the accommodation will be ready during the current five-year development plan which begins its second year this week.

In other news, the states of the Gulf have been discussing the desirability of inter-Gulf travel by identity cards only, Prince Naif said

that the states have no objection to this and that he had discussions about it especially with Kuwait. But so far nothing positive has been achieved as this agreement depends on the internal regulations of each state. It also will depend on the issue of identification cards to each citizen in the states concerned. When this is done, further discussions will be held, he said. The government here will soon issue such cards so that every citizen may carry an identification card with full details, he said.

Prince Naif said bids will be invited soon to build the Internal Security Academy and barracks which is expected to provide better and bigger training facilities to the cadets.

The prince made his statement during graduation ceremonies a new class of cadets, which with 275 officers was one of the largest in recent years.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister Prince Ahmad, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Yamani, Brig. Muhammad Ali Suhayli, commander of the academy



CEREMONY: Prince Naif and other dignitaries watch graduation ceremonies for 275 officers at the Internal Security Academy.

Maj. Gen. Maamoun Khalil and other senior officers.

In a separate development, Prince Naif ordered punishment of four merchants who violated the supply regulations, officials announced Sunday. The interior minister passed the verdict based on a report by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

The verdict fined SR2,000 each for two shop owners — Omar Qassem Al-Isaye from Riyadh and Fahd Abdullah Al-Fahd Al-Manee from Medina — for failing to put price tags on merchandise displayed in their shops. Abed Allah Ali Bawazir and Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Manee, both Riyadh shopowners, were fined SR1,000 each also for not putting price tags on their merchandise.

The offenders were instructed to publish the verdict in local newspapers at their expense. The move comes under the Commerce Ministry's strict measures to stabilize prices, protect consumers and achieve prosperity.

## Talal leaves Riyadh

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant to the U.N. secretary-general and special envoy for UNICEF left here Sunday for Nairobi on a several-day visit to Kenya.

During his stay there, Prince Talal will discuss with Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi and officials UNICEF's activities in Kenya and East Africa.

## BRIEFS

### Passport officers depart

JEDDAH, May 3 — Two officers of Jeddah Passport office left for the U.S. to train on a new computer which the office will acquire to facilitate, expand and improve work, according to *Al-Madina* Sunday. The officers are Abdul Aziz Al Sajini, and Lt. Abdul Razzak Kamal.

### Plastic factory ok'd

RIYADH, May 3 — The government has given permission for a plastic factory to be set up in Hail with an annual capacity of 800 tons, at a cost of SR 8.6 million, local newspapers reported.

### Date imports banned

RIYADH, May 3 — With the exception of one type of Iraqi date, all imports of dates have been banned by order of the government. An Agriculture Ministry statement said the aim was to protect the local produce

and encourage farmers to plant more date palms.

### Jordan security officials visit

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — Jordan's Director General of Internal Security, Lt. General Mamoun Khalil visited the new hospital of the internal security forces which has 120 beds. Earlier he met with Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh, director of security, who had invited him to the Kingdom.

### Bribes punished

RIYADH, May 3 — A traffic warden was sentenced to one year imprisonment for demanding a bribe from a passenger, a municipal employee to two years for seeking a bribe to do his job and a third man to one year and fine of SR 1,000 for forging the signature of a bank depositor and drawing SR 50,000 in his name, according to the Interior Ministry Sunday.

## COMMENT

By Abdul Majid Shobokshi

### Al-Bilad

The Secretariat General of the King Faisal International Award has invited universities and higher institutes to send nominations for prizes in Islamic studies, Arabic literature and services to Islam.

We have at present seven universities in the Kingdom and each one of them has hundreds of professors in different fields of knowledge. Besides, there is a good number of eminent scholars at other scientific and cultural institutions in the country. But so far, none of our universities seem to have nominated any of our scholars and writers, like other Arab universities which did so and bagged the prizes.

I believe our writers and intellectuals are no less eminent in their fields of specialization. They have played a commendable role in the progress of literary movement in the country. To name a few, there are writers like Abdul Qudous Al-Aisari, Hamad Al-Jasser, Ahmed Abdul Ghafoor Attar, Abdullah ibn Khamis, Amin Madani, Muhammad Hassan Fiqi, Aziz Zia, Muhammad Hussein Zeidan, Muhammad Said Al-Amoudi,

Ahmed Al-Sibaei and many others who were considered pioneers of literature by the first conference of Saudi Arabian writers held at the King Abdul Aziz University some time ago.

We had been hoping that some of our universities would nominate the most deserving among them for the award of King Faisal Prize in Arabic literature. The literary contributions of some of them have not only made them famous but has enriched the arts and literature of the country. Scholars like Hamad Al-Jasser, Abdullah ibn Khamis and Hassan Abdullah Al-Quraishi have been selected members by some of prominent literary academics, while the works of some others have been translated into foreign languages.

I need not mention the influence they have left on the Arabic literary through their literary contributions. But it would suffice to refer to Ansari, Jasser, Attar, Amin Madani and some others, whose publications entitle them to this award in recognition of their commendable contribution in the field of literature.

## Germans sign oil contract *With UAE*

ABU DHABI, May 3 (WAM) — A West German oil exploration company was Sunday granted its first concession agreement to search for oil in a large area offshore Abu Dhabi.

Lt. Gen. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, Abu Dhabi crown prince and deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces Sunday signed an oil concession agreement with a representative from Deutsche Mineral Exploration Company (DEMINEX) a West German enterprises operating on an international scale in various parts of the world including the North Sea.

The area of the concession covers 1838 sq. km, north-west Abu Dhabi Island, some 70 km. west of Abu Dhabi. First news about the

agreement was announced at a meeting last Thursday between Sheikh Khalifa and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt before he left for Bonn, ending a two-day state visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Sheikh Khalifa told the Emirates News Agency (WAM) that the agreement opens a new page for co-operation between the UAE and the Federal Republic of Germany for the benefit of both peoples.

UAE Minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Dr. Mana Saeed Al Otaiba who was present at the signing ceremony said that according to the agreement, DEMINEX is to spend \$50 million on exploration work during the first eight years of the concessions period which is 35 years.

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# ISF prepares revenue measures

By Ahmad Shaaban  
**JEDDAH, May 3** — The Islamic Solidarity Fund is planning urgent measures to secure a steady revenue rather than depend solely on voluntary donations from member states. The measures soon place some \$30 million in three or six months short-term fixed deposit accounts with any of the Islamic banks in the Arabian Peninsula, the ISF president disclosed to *Arab News* last week.

The \$30 million will yield some 10-15 per cent revenue, not in the form of bank interest, but as a share of profit from any business the bank will invest the money in. Bank interest is

banned by Islam. It is being considered usury, Dr. Ibrahim said. He was emerging from a session of the ISF's permanent council held at the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The ISF was established by resolution of the Second Islamic Summit in Lahore in 1974. It was its own corporate and independent personality. Its headquarters are in the OIC General Secretariat here. The fund has been in existence for six years now, while its formation stage took almost two years. Among its main objectives are to give assistance, to initiate and support useful projects

and to practice various activities in the fields of Islamic promotion, youth welfare and Islamic culture throughout the world.

Dr. Ibrahim said the \$30 million were the only amounts pledged so far (\$20 million by Saudi Arabia and \$10 million by the United Arab Emirates) to constitute the \$100 million Waqf (trust fund) to support the ISF's welfare and cultural activities, as approved by the third Islamic summit under King Khaled last January in Taif.

The official cited as examples of trustworthy banks, the Bahrain Islamic Bank, Baitul Mal in Kuwait, Dubai Islamic Bank and the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank. But he explained that this would only be a temporary measure until the recently-formed board of trustees of the waqf holds its first meeting and decides on the best means to invest the funds. Such means, he said, could include real estate, or the board could strike a deal with an investment company like the Islamic Investment Company of Sharjah which is headed by Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal.

Formation of the board of trustees was completed only during last week's ISF meeting when the names of the three experts designated by OIC Secretary General were disclosed by Dr. Ibrahim and approved by the permanent council.

Meanwhile, the ISF council adopted a \$19.2 million budget last week for financial year 1981/82 while awaiting for Islamic states to respond to the third Islamic summit's appeal last January to contribute enough funds to raise the ISF's annual budget to at least \$50 million, Dr. Ibrahim said. He added that hopefully the contributions will come during the next 12th Islamic conference of foreign ministers in Baghdad next June 1-6.

The 13 member states of the fund are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia, Mauritania, Djibouti, the Comoros, Pakistan, Turkey and Malaysia, in addition to the OIC secretary general.

The 1981/82 budget will include \$4 million for calamities, natural catastrophes and man-made disasters; \$1 million for mosques, schools and hospitals throughout the Islamic world; \$2.35 million for support to Islamic centers and associations; \$700,000 for Islamic Dawah (invitation to join Islam) programs; \$5 million for support to scientific research and Islamic universities; \$400,000 for Muslim youth welfare; \$200,000 for seminars; \$2 million for supporting the struggle against the Judaization of Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem); \$500,000 for the programs and activities connected to the advent of the 15th Hijra century and \$850,000 for administrative and technical expenses. The financial year of the fund begins on July 1st every year. The budget was calculated on realistic terms by taking the average of the past four years.

## Anti-ADF report denied

**RIYADH, May 3 (SPA)** — An official source here denied a United Press International report alleging that the Kingdom is leading a campaign to stop the support offered by the Gulf states to the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon.

The source also denied the same report which alleged that Crown Prince Fahd had sent an urgent call to the leaders of Kuwait,

Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates to reassess their political and financial support to the force.

The source described the UPI report as unfounded. The source emphasized that the Kingdom stand toward the ADF in Lebanon is clear and well known. The UPI attributed its report to what the agency called diplomatic sources in New York.

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Fajr (Dawn)	4.23	4.20	3.51	3.35	4.00	4.26
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.50	11.36	12.01	12.30
Asar (Evening)	3.38	3.45	3.17	3.07	3.31	4.05
Maghrib (Sunset)	6.48	6.53	6.25	6.14	6.38	7.11
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ARRIVAL: Korean Construction Minister Joo-Nam Kim (left) is greeted by the director general of roads, Abdullah Aserra, Saturday.

## Korea minister arrives

**RIYADH, May 3 (SPA)** — South Korea's construction minister arrived here from Jeddah Sunday. Joo-Nam Kim arrived in Jeddah Saturday on a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Communications Minister Hussein Mansour.

He will discuss with his host and other senior officials the consolidation of cooperation in the fields of transport and communications and possible contribution of Korean firms in the Kingdom's developmental projects.

The Korean minister was met at the airport by Muhammad Abdullah Aserra, director general of roads in Jeddah, as well as the Korean ambassador to Saudi Arabia John Cheng. He told newsmen that he was optimistic about the results of his talks which, he said, will also center on economic cooperation.

## King thanked for Koran costs

**MAKKAH, May 3 (SPA)** — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, Saturday cabled his thanks to King Khaled for his government's covering the expenses of printing two million Koran copies, which the league will distribute worldwide.

The Islamic official also cabled his gratitude to Prince Mit'eb ibn Abdul Aziz, the minister of public works and housing and acting municipal and rural affairs minister, for responding to the league's appeal to print the two million copies at the inauguration of the headquarters of the Islamic Capitals Organization General Secretariat here.

Prince Mit'eb announced the gesture in the name of the Makkah municipality during the dedication ceremony of the new headquarters.

## In Jeddah Pakistan plans food fest

By a Staff Writer  
**JEDDAH, May 3** — A Pakistan Food Festival will open here at Al-Badr Jeddah Sheraton Hotel, according to the Pakistan embassy.

The six-day fair, which is to feature a wide range of Pakistani dishes and specialties, has been organized by the Pakistan International Airlines in collaboration with Hotel Sheraton.

The venue will be the hotel's Coral Restaurant where the guests will be served food to the accompaniment of Pakistani instrumental folk music. A team of famous Pakistani instrumentalists is being flown in for this purpose.

For the May 6 food festival, the airlines has brought in its experienced and versatile cooks from its main Karachi kitchen. They will prepare traditional Pakistani dishes under the supervision of the airlines' chefs.

Pakistani food has wide variety originating

from various Islamic festivals and styles perfected especially by the cooks of the Mughal Kings court. Cereals, meat and fish form the basic ingredients of this food but over the years Pakistani cooks have produced some of the choicest dishes admired all over the world.

The PIA cooks have further improved upon these varieties to produce dishes acclaimed by its patrons of all nationalities both on board and on ground.

Several of these dishes will be featured at the festival. But seafood prepared in Pakistani styles will be one of the main specialties this time, says Khurshid Anwar, PIA's General Manager here.

One of the festival's highlights will be the family day on Friday when parents can bring their children to dine with them on the poolside in an informal family atmosphere.

Another highlight will be a boutique shop which will put on display and for sale a variety.



DISCUSSION: Makkah Governor Prince Majed talked to the faculty and students of the university in Makkah and held an open-ended dialogue about various subjects. He also answered questions from the floor.

## Austria willing to sell weapons

**JEDDAH, May 3** — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said his country doesn't have any reason to hesitate in supplying Saudi Arabia with arms.

In an interview with *Okaz*, Kreisky said the main issues to be discussed with Saudi Arabian leaders during his visit include the Middle East Problem, the Palestinian question and promoting bilateral relations.

In reply to what has been accomplished regarding a deal on Austrian tanks requested by the Kingdom, Kreisky said, "We have no sensitivity toward this issue." The company that produces the tanks has been informed of the defense and foreign ministries approval, he added.

The Austrian chancellor received Saudi Arabian journalists at his residence in Vienna Sunday. He said that he had signed an agreement to supply Saudi Arabia with arms and the approval was passed to the company which produces the requested Shatir tanks.

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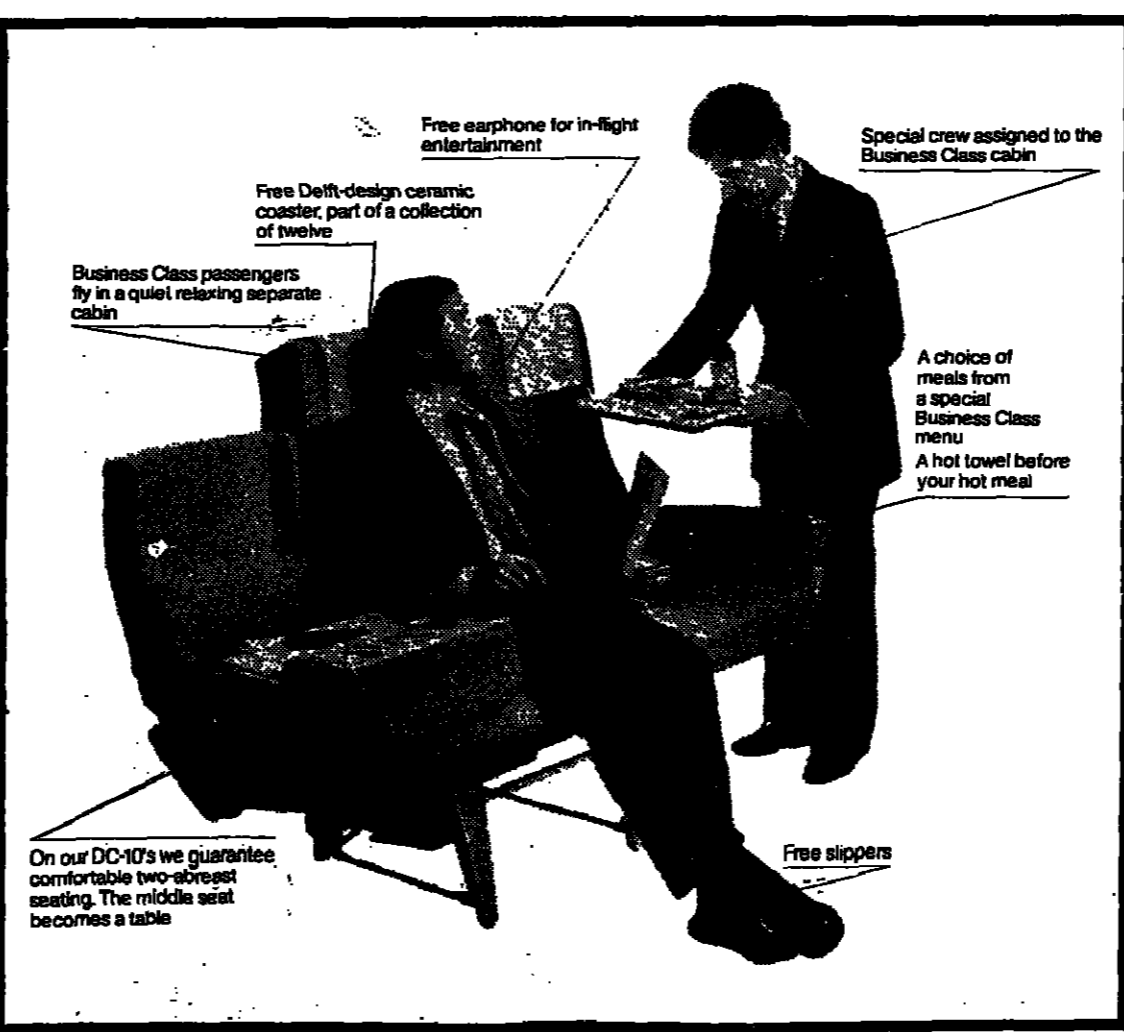
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# 3 Horn of Africa states to keep peace

ADDIS ABABA, May 3 (Agencies) — Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan, in a statement that seemed aimed at Somalia, Saturday reaffirmed that interstate relations in the Horn of Africa must be based on strict respect of the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In a joint declaration released simultaneously in their capitals, the three countries agreed to act "in complete consonance" to achieve durable peace and stability in the region.

## Over 40,000 held in Turkish swoop

ANKARA, May 3 (AP) — Turkish government authorities have rounded up a total of 122,609 suspected extremists since September, a Turkish newspaper reports.

The daily *Milliyet*, in an exclusive story Saturday, reported of the total number of apprehended, only 40,386 were ordered arrested or detained. Quoting sources in Ankara, the daily said the figures covered Sept. 12 through April 10.

At present, *The Milliyet* said, there are 19,269 suspected extremists and terrorists charged with politically-motivated crimes before the new government took over. Another 5,188 persons are in police and military custody awaiting completion of preliminary investigation and presentation of formal charges at martial law courts.

The daily said prosecutors studied 42,089 cases since the change in government and closed at least half of the files. Courts and prosecutors have demanded the death penalty for more than 900 defendants, who include members of the now-defunct ultra-Nationalist Action Party, leftists and Kurdish separatist fighters on trial. Four of them have been hanged by the new government.

The declaration followed a two-day meeting here last week of the second session of the tripartite ministerial consultative committee, first set up in Nairobi in June 1973.

Somalia has laid claims to Ethiopia's Ogaden and Kenya's northeastern district, where ethnic Somalis form the majority of the population, and observers here saw the emphasis laid on the inviolability of state frontiers as a call to Mogadishu to abandon its claims.

Ethiopia and Somalia went to war over the Ogaden in 1977 and armed Somalis staged several raids inside northern Kenya last year.

The three also made a gesture to Somalia by expressing the readiness of the committee to enlarge it to include those in the region ready to contribute to the cause of peace, cooperation and development through scrupulous respect of the principles of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) the United Nations, and the nonaligned movement.

Djibouti, the other state in the Horn, has already been invited to join the grouping. On other issues, the three countries expressed "grave concern" over the state of international tension prevailing in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. The complete withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem, and the grant of inalienable right of self-determination to the Palestinian people are vital for peace in the Middle East, the communique added.

On trilateral relations, the three countries agreed to reactivate their joint sub-committee on economic affairs and to set up three new ones — on transport and communications, cultural, scientific and technical cooperation and border and security matters — reflecting the major areas of mutual concern. The next meeting has been set for November, in Khartoum.



WOMEN ON TRIAL: Kurdish women militants were recently put on trial at the military court in Turkey. Ayse Ozturk and Fatma Cevik a teacher, went on trial in Diyarbakir in a mass trial of 450 persons charged with conspiring to set up a Kurdish state. The military prosecutor has asked for death penalty for 106 of them. The group is linked to the "Apocular" terror gang.

## In Bombay city Court overrules ban on anti-Soviet rally

NEW DELHI, May 3 (Agencies) — The Bombay High Court Saturday overruled an official ban on an opposition-sponsored, anti-Soviet rally in Bombay city and allowed the organizers to go ahead with their meeting, the United News of India reported.

Justice M.S. Pendse issued a mandatory injunction preventing local Bombay officials from enforcing the ban, UNI said. He also ordered further hearings in the case in July.

Sunday's meeting is being organized by the Friends of Afghanistan Association to attack the 1979 Russian intervention in Afghanistan.

Scheduled speakers at the rally include former External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee who threatened Friday to defy the ban and court arrest. Vajpayee also is the president of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party and acknowledged as one of India's most powerful orators.

Meanwhile, in Islamabad, West German opposition leader Franz Josef Strauss Saturday expressed pessimism about a political solution of the Afghan crisis, but stressed that psychological pressure on the Soviet Union must continue to obtain the withdrawal of its troops from the central Asian state. Strauss, who is also prime minister of the West German state of Bavaria, extended full support to the Afghan "freedom fighters" saying, they deserved appreciation for keeping the struggle alive. Strauss left here after a week-long visit.

He told journalists at the end of the visit that if the free world forgot Afghanistan,

there could be similar situations elsewhere. Strauss Saturday visited an Afghan refugee camp near Peshawar, capital of the Northwest Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan. He met President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Agha Shahi this week.

In Vienna, Afghanistan's Education Minister Anahita Ratebzad has said Kabul cannot ask the Soviet Union to withdraw its force from the country until peace is assured on its frontiers, the Czechoslovak News Agency Ceteka reported.

Ceteka said Mrs. Ratebzad told foreign journalists in Kabul the country's most urgent tasks were to defend its independence and sovereignty and to struggle more resolutely against foreign aggression and counter-revolution.

Afghanistan was convinced that differences with neighboring Iran and Pakistan could be solved by political means, Mrs. Ratebzad was quoted as saying. Only a small reactionary group opposed the government of Babrak Karmal and the majority were neither against the government nor its policies, she added.

## At The Hague U.S., Iranian arbitrators may meet

THE HAGUE, May 3 (Agencies) — U.S. and Iranian arbitrators may gather here next week to begin planning a tribunal to settle billions of dollars in claims resulting from the hostage crisis, diplomatic sources said Saturday.

The expected first meeting, perhaps as early as Tuesday, would be likely to focus on the site and structure of the tribunal, a senior diplomatic official said. However, he added, it was still not certain that the Iran side could attend. Among the tasks needed to get the tribunal under way is the choice by both delegations of neutral arbitrators.

The Algiers agreement between U.S. and Iranian negotiators that settled the hostage crisis January provided for the tribunal at The Hague or another suitable city to rule on hundreds of financial claims, most of them brought by American companies and individuals.

The tribunal will not consider claims on behalf of the hostages themselves. U.S. Justice Department officials have said some 450 claims have been filed in American courts worth \$3 billion.

Meanwhile, President Ronald Reagan Saturday replaced a member of the U.S.-Iran Claims Tribunal with George H. Aldrich, an ambassador who represented President Jimmy Carter at the law of the sea conference.

Malcolm R. Wilkey, a U.S. court of appeals judge for the district of Columbia, withdrew from the tribunal because of heavy caseload, a White House aide said. Reagan, acting

## Benjedid warns corrupt elements

ALGIERS, May 3 (AP) — President Chadli Benjedid has issued a warning to "elements seeking to spread confusion" in Algeria and declared his determination to continue the campaign against corruption.

Those who sought to enrich themselves had no place in ruling circles, he told a trade union meeting to mark May Day. "In no way can we preach socialism and at the same time permit reactionary elements to remain among us or introduce themselves into our enterprises," Chadli said.

Many economic officials accused of embezzlement have already been arrested since the president began a "moralization" campaign at the start of the year. The head of state said that the "elements," having perceived that the "sanitizing operation" had shown them to have taken part in "unhealthy practices," were "trying to find alliances." Chadli called for a closing of ranks against "all reactionary forces both inside and outside" the country. "The revolution will not hesitate to use revolutionary discipline if the circumstances require it or if national unity or the socialist option are threatened," he warned.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Ben Bella, Algeria's former president, has returned to the luxury villa in the capital provided by the authorities nearly 16 years after his overthrow, a source close to his family said Saturday. Ben Bella was also believed to be in the course of obtaining passport allowing him to travel abroad freely, the source said.

The moves would completely restore the former Algerian leader's right to live as an ordinary citizen following partial lifting of restrictions on his movements in July 1979.

# Earthquake hits cities in Pakistan, Kashmir

PESHAWAR, May 3 (Agencies) — A strong earthquake, registering more than six on the Richter Scale, severely rocked the northern Pakistan town of Chitral Saturday night but there were no reports of injuries or loss of life, the town's assistant commissioner reported.

"The wall around my neighbor's house collapsed during the earthquake," said Chiragh Hussain, reached by telephone. He said police reported a number of other boundary walls, some made of brick, also tumbled down but no injuries were reported. Radio Pakistan said the quake, felt as far away as Lahore, some 650 kilometers southwest of Chitral, measured 6.7 on the Richter Scale. However, the Peshawar geophysical station said its instruments so far determined only that the tremor's magnitude was greater than six.

The tremors rattled window panes and shook furniture in several cities including Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Peshawar, Lahore, Faisalabad and Muzaffargarh, capital of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir.

The tremors, felt around 9:07 p.m. (1607 GMT), lasted more than 30 seconds and forced the people to come out of their houses. The epicenter of the quake, the second this week, was located in Hindu Kush range, 250 kms north of Peshawar, bordering Afghanistan. No major property damage was reported.

A powerful earthquake shook India's northernmost Kashmir state Saturday night, swaying buildings and knocking several people unconscious, the United News of India reported from Delhi. No damage or casualties were reported but thousands of panicky people in Srinagar, the state capital, rushed out of their homes into streets, the agency said.

The magnitude of the quake, which lasted less than a minute was not immediately available because seismograph offices were closed for the night.

## Oman promises to reconsider pact with U.S.

KUWAIT, May 3 (R) — Oman has promised to consider canceling an agreement granting the United States military facilities, Kuwait's foreign minister said in a statement published Sunday.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah told Kuwait newspaper editors that Oman's main condition for reviewing the accord was a solution to its long-standing dispute with neighboring South Yemen. Gulf officials have said the Oman-U.S. agreement is the main obstacle to joint action on defense by Oman and five other states in the new Gulf Cooperation Council.

Sheikh Sabah said he had asked the Soviet Union, which has a friendship treaty with South Yemen, to help reduce the tension between Aden and Muscat. He made the request during his recent visit to Moscow last week.

Sheikh Sabah and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al-Nuaimi, visited Aden and Muscat last month in an apparent attempt to help improve relations between the two states.

Oman's agreement with the United States, reached a year ago, gives the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) access to air and seaports in Oman.

The other Gulf states have rejected the idea of the RDF, designed to intervene in an emergency which threatened oil supplies to the West.

## Ziaur Rahman visits Syria

DACCA, May 3 (AFP) — Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman left here early Sunday for Damascus on the first leg of a two-nation tour which will also take him to West Germany on a state visit.

President Zia, accompanied by his wife, Foreign Minister Shamsul Huq and Economic Adviser Dr. Mirza Nurul Huda will be in the Syrian capital at the invitation of President Hafez Assad with whom he is expected to discuss the Middle East and other international issues, besides bilateral cooperation.

From Syria, the Bangladesh president will fly to Bonn for talks with President Karl Carstens and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, before returning home May 8.



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# Soviet Union strives for active role in Middle East

By John Morrison

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union is seeking an active role in the Middle East to counter U.S. diplomatic advances in the region, according to diplomats here. The current crisis in Lebanon, where the Kremlin's regional ally Syria has deployed Soviet-made missiles against a potential threat from Israel, highlighted Moscow's continuing stake in the region. But diplomats say Moscow considers the Lebanese crisis to be a sideshow in the larger Arab-Israeli conflict from which the Soviet Union has been all but excluded.

To reestablish a foothold in the Middle East, Moscow has been setting up a number of contacts with regional leaders, including those of traditionally pro-Western states. King Hussein of Jordan is due to visit Moscow later this month following journeys here in April by Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

According to Arab and Western diplomats, Soviet strategy is principally aimed at demonstrating Soviet presence in the region in the face of the United States' stated goal of stemming Moscow's influence there. The strategy is based on exploiting the opposition of most Arab states to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords that brought peace between Egypt and Israel but have so far failed to achieve a comprehensive solution of the Palestinian question.

Soviet efforts to harness this opposition have largely come to nothing. Efforts by Moscow to nudge closer to Saudi Arabia have been stalled since December 1979 by Saudi opposition to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The Soviet Union's strongest links in the Middle East are with Syria, Libya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Relations with Iraq, with which Moscow also has a friendship treaty, have deteriorated sharply since the start of the Iran-Iraq war last September. Iraq, blamed by Moscow for launching a costly and unnecessary conflict, is now accused in the Soviet press of "nationalist distortions" and is even bracketed with Moscow's other former friends, Egypt and Somalia, both now firmly in the U.S. camp.

Against this unpromising background, President Leonid Brezhnev has said his country is ready to resume the search for a comprehensive Middle East settlement in partnership with the United States through an international conference. In view of present American policies aimed at maintaining U.S. supremacy in the peace process, this proposal seems to be at best a long-term goal for Moscow. It has not been given wide publicity here.

A communique issued after Qaddafi's visit gave no indication of Libyan support for the idea of a conference — one of several signs that his talks with Brezhnev did not produce full agreement.

Brezhnev himself referred to ideological differences with Libya in his speech at a Kremlin dinner, and according to Arab diplomatic sources Qaddafi was annoyed by the way his speech in reply was edited by the Soviet press. It left out a key section in which he called on the Soviet Union to adopt a decisive position in giving political and military backing to the Arabs, and to show "more energetic support" for the Arab "steadfastness and confrontation front" opposed to Camp David.

The Soviet press also rewrote Qaddafi's remarks about the need to ensure Afghanistan's independence and neutrality and end all forms of outside interference there — a formulation unacceptable to Moscow because of its implied criticism of the Soviet intervention.

One senior Arab diplomat speculated that Qaddafi, who has in the past shown understanding for the Soviet intervention, raised the Afghan issue in order to put pressure on Brezhnev to support Libya's own intervention in Chad.

Arab diplomats said they did not believe Qaddafi's visit would lead to any substantial increase in political or military cooperation between the Soviet Union and Libya. They said the recent visit by Kuwait's foreign minister might in the long run turn out to have been far more significant because of the degree of support he gave to Soviet initiatives toward the Gulf.

A joint communique expressed Kuwait's support not only for the Soviet idea of an international conference on the Middle East, but also for the main elements of a proposal by Brezhnev for an international agreement on the security of the Gulf.

Moscow says it is ready to discuss Gulf security together with Afghanistan. Diplomats believe Moscow now sees a positive advantage in such linkage because it can use the possibility of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan as a lever to enhance its limited diplomatic role in the Gulf. — (R)



## Nuclear debate haunts India

NEW DELHI —

Reports that Pakistan is preparing to produce nuclear weapons have begun a growing debate in India over whether it should follow suit. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has repeatedly insisted that India's nuclear program is purely for peaceful purposes.

But despite consistent Pakistani denials that it is preparing a nuclear weapons program, Mrs. Gandhi has warned that India would respond in an "appropriate manner" if Pakistan manufactures nuclear weapons.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they became independent in 1947, but both have expressed a desire to further normalize their relations, which improved somewhat in recent years. But a number of leading Indian defense experts and journalists who often reflect government thinking have demanded that India should not wait, but make its own preparations for manufacturing nuclear weapons now.

K. Suerahmanyam, director of the government-funded Institute of Defense Studies and Analysis, said in an article last week: "The time to act is not after Pakistan conducts the tests...the time to get ready for the appropriate response is now."

India exploded a nuclear device in 1974, and Mrs. Gandhi has not ruled out the possibility of other tests. "If the need for such an experiment is felt we shall go ahead with it," she told parliament in March.

Fuel was added to the nuclear debate last week when Democratic Senator Alan Cranston told the U.S. Senate there was evidence that both India and Pakistan were preparing test sites for nuclear explosions. He said the Indian test could occur in the next few months and Pakistan's test by the end of the year, but more likely next year.

An Indian government spokesman described reports of a pending Indian test as "purely speculative with no basis in fact."

The Statesman newspaper said in a report from Washington however, that U.S. intelligence agencies have been circulating a secret report among Washington officials contending that a test site was being prepared in India. According to the report, the digging had been observed of a nuclear test site in the Thar desert at Pokharan about 160 kms southeast of the Pakistan border. The newspaper said the U.S. intelligence report was presumably based on data from satellites such as the United States uses to watch Soviet nuclear activity.

The Statesman also said U.S. officials were intrigued by references made by Dr. Homi Sethna, chairman of India's Atomic Energy Commission, during recent talks in Washington. He said a peaceful nuclear explosion did not represent a test of weapons, but was for such large-scale engineering projects, as dams and water diversions, the Statesman reported.

Dr. Sethna and Eric Gousalvz, secretary of the Indian external affairs ministry, went to Washing-

ton two weeks ago for talks with U.S. officials on an agreement under which the United States supplies low enriched uranium for India's Tarapur atomic power station near Bombay.

India has complained about delays in supplies of the fuel and Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao revealed in parliament here last week that the two countries are now studying how to terminate the 30-year agreement. He said the only thing that could save the 1963 agreement was an amendment to present U.S. legislation.

The 1968 U.S. Nuclear Nonproliferation Act prohibits the United States from supplying nuclear fuel or equipment to countries like India which are not parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty or do not accept international safeguard in all nuclear installations.

If the 1963 agreement breaks down India will be free to start using a plant at Tarapur to reprocess the spent U.S. fuel which India claims as its property. Informal sources said that further talks on the agreement will be held between Indian and U.S. officials in Delhi later this month.

The nuclear debate is also taking place at a time of mounting Indian criticism of U.S. plans to rearm Pakistan. Mrs. Gandhi said last week: "We had never complained as to why Pakistan was being armed. Our only worry was that such arms supply is creating a situation where everybody was drifting toward a war." — (R)

### Letter to the editor

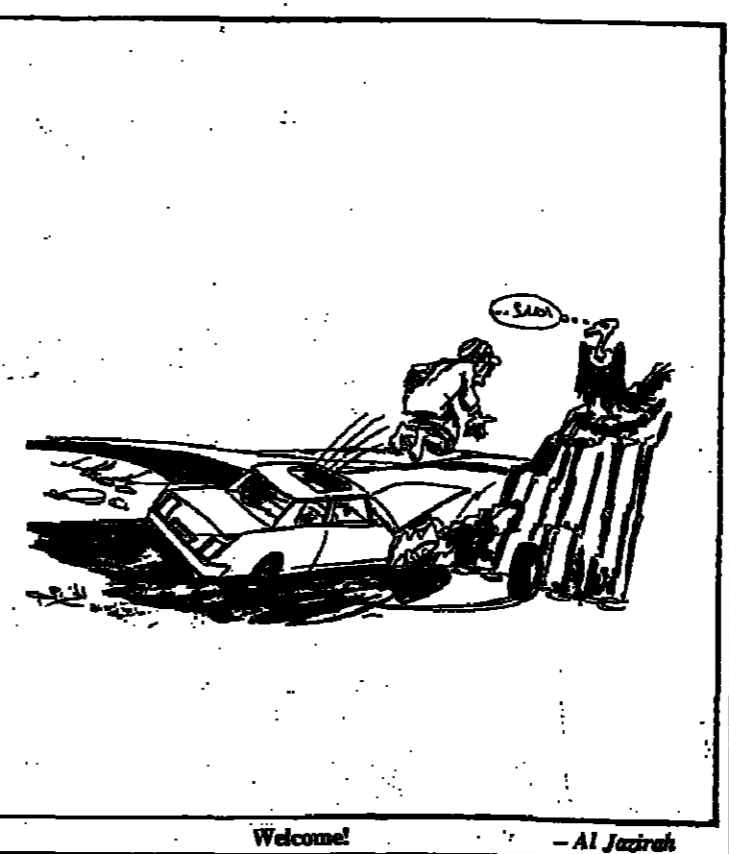
Dear Sir,  
On page ten of your April 28th issue, I observed that the picture of a power plant — which looks in every detail like a beautifully executed hydroelectric power plant is captioned, "Nuclear Plant in Spain". It appears to be an error, since none of the tell-tale structures of a nuclear plant are visible. For the readers who value your accuracy, a clarification may be educational.

Yours truly,  
Mishah-Ul-Haq Ansari

EDITOR'S NOTE: Your interest in accurate information is very much appreciated. It was almost convinced by your argument. By the time your letter was being edited, another letter was received from the plant's contractor, the text of which follows:

"Dear Sir,  
"I read with great interest the comment and picture that appeared on page ten in Arab News April 28. This letter is to inform you that H.B. Zachry Company, (International) built Spain's first nuclear power plant. Work started in 1963, Zorita plant, Guadalajara Province near Madrid. The capacity of the plant was 160MWE and was built under a total construction management contract.

Yours very truly  
Richard Chang  
Administrative Manager  
H.B. Zachry Company, (International)  
P.O. Box 9184  
Riyadh



## BUDGET AIMS

The new budget concentrates on the development of both the productive and service sectors thus attempting to achieve the two major objectives of the government at once. Roads, hospitals and desalination plants are given equal importance with industrial and agricultural development.

The current five-year plan of which this budget is the second had set out to develop the productive potentialities of the country after the previous one had nearly provided the infrastructure which the country had needed. But the population continued to grow and the building surge of the early 1970s, while tapering off, persisted to change the skyline and demand greater services. As money seeped to the grassroots the demand grew for development, houses, water, electricity, drainage, schools, hospitals, roads and the other requisites of a decent life.

The planners have had to review their priorities and to keep the development of essential services in line with productive schemes. This was revealed by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer who said that the government found that the services needed greater attention. This was done while at the same time continuing to build roads and desalination plants.

Figures will speak for themselves, but perhaps the government's finest achievement in the last five years has been the control of inflation and the regulation of spending through fiscal restraints. Assisted by a large income the government has spent generously to subsidize imports of basic foodstuffs including rice, wheat, sugar, milk, cooking oil and others. Sometimes the subsidy meant 70 per cent of the cost of a commodity as in the case of flour. Equally generous subsidies have been given to farmers to increase their production of crops.

The notorious congestion of the port of Jeddah was cleared in record time at a fabulous cost thus releasing enormous quantities of goods to inundate the markets and depress prices, necessities and luxuries alike. The government footed the bill and passed on the benefits to the consumer although some merchants misunderstood the intention and maintained their high profit margins. Still, there was a lot of supply and the competition eventually brought down prices to where they belonged.

This was coupled by a deliberate government policy to restrain outlays in order to prevent an influx of money in the market which would have nullified the policy of subsidies. While this was criticized at the time specially by those who were awaiting payment for dues against the government, the wisdom of restraint was appreciated nationwide when its aims and results were better understood.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Sunday reported in their lead story that King Khaled would chair the Council of Ministers' meeting to discuss and approve the new state budget for fiscal year 1401/02 H. Meanwhile, *Okaz* led with an exclusive interview with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who declared that his country would supply arms to Saudi Arabia.

In a front-page story, newspapers quoted Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) as saying that the replies of Iraq and Iran to the Islamic Goodwill Committee's proposals call for "optimism". Newspapers also gave front-page coverage to the Lebanese situation, saying that exhaustive international efforts are being made to bring calm to strife-torn Lebanon. Meanwhile, *Al Medina* reported on its front page that a meeting of officials from Syria, Libya and the PLO was held in Damascus Saturday to discuss the situation in Lebanon and to find ways of confronting Israel's escalating aggression on Lebanon.

The Gulf Summit Conference, which will be held in Abu Dhabi May 25, figured prominently as a page one story in the newspapers, while *Al Jazirah* came out with an exclusive interview with Interior Minister Prince Naif, who said, among other things, that a sum of SR 16 billion would be spent on housing projects for the country's internal security forces.

The new state budget and the situation in Lebanon formed the main topics of discussion in news-

paper editorials Sunday. *Al Nahwa* observed in an editorial that the announcement of the new budget "instills confidence in us and confirms that we are on the right path of progress and development."

The paper said that, while the state exerts all possible efforts to bring the country to a high level of development, it is necessary for the people to contribute their own share in the country's progress. With the announcement of the new budget, every man and woman of the country must be prepared to contribute to national efforts, so that the country makes harmonious progress and prosperity prevails everywhere in the country, the paper said.

Discussing the PLO, *Okaz* said that the dialogue between Saudi Arabia and West Germany has highlighted a positive point that emphasizes PLO's participation in the dialogue which is scheduled to be held this autumn among the foreign ministers of Arab and West European states. In this connection, the paper also mentioned Chancellor Schmidt's stress on the need for granting the Palestinians the right to determine their future, as well as British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's readiness to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Referring to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's confirmation on a U.S.-PLO dialogue through a third party concerning the Lebanese crisis, the paper said it is another positive step signifying a shift in the American attitude toward the PLO. It added that the Kingdom has been largely instrumental in bringing about all these positive developments because

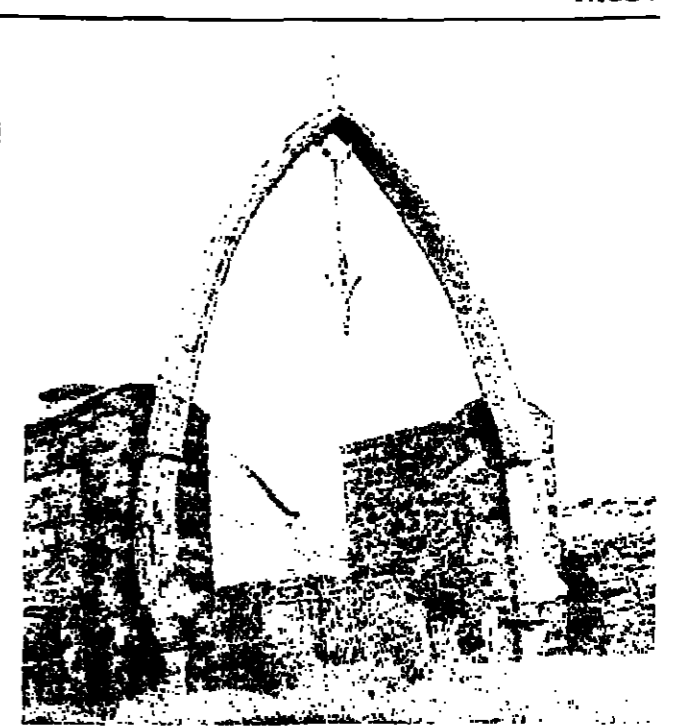
of its firm conviction that no peace can be found in the Middle East without a just solution to the Palestine problem.

*Al Jazirah* said editorially that Israel has already established its views against the unity of Lebanon and its people, and that it would do everything possible to foil all attempts for a political conciliation among the Lebanese leaders, on the one hand, and among the Lebanese, the Syrians and the Palestinians on the other. In view of Israel's aggressive designs, the paper said, the U.N. Arab bloc ought to intensify its efforts to prevail upon the U.S. to exercise its pressure on Israel, telling Israel that the U.S. is keen for the success of political negotiations among the Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian leaders in regard to a national conciliation.

*Al Medina* concentrated on Israel's successive diplomatic defeats and the absence of strong solidarity among the Arabs, and referred to destructive elements in the Arab world being supported by international Communist and Zionist forces. Under such circumstances, the paper said, the Israeli enemy will always try to commit fresh aggressions against the Arab states. Therefore, it called upon the Arab states to learn from past experience and to remain on the alert, so that they do not again become a victim of future tragedy. The paper expressed satisfaction that, at this crucial time, the Arab army chiefs — meeting in Tunis — have recommended increased concern for bolstering the military prowess of the Arab states.

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PLAYFUL: Killer whales can be playful too, left; looking into a killer whale's mouth is not advisable, second from left; large-scale whaling threatens many species' survival, third from left; and the people of Lewis in the Hebrides have found an odd use for a whale's jawbone, right.

Mighty creature of the sea

The whale population dwindling

By A. L. Harris

The whale is one of the most fascinating creatures on this planet. Few people have ever seen one — except in zoos — and even modern science has not been able to explain all the mysteries of these king-size seafaring animals.

Unfortunately, many species have been ravaged by commercial exploitation almost to the point of extinction. Mankind has ever been avaricious for blubber, oil, wax, ivory and ambergris. Its flesh has been used for animal and human food and the by-products from its body range from industrial lubricants to perfumes, cosmetics and ornaments.

Whale hunting has been going on since prehistoric times. At first, there was no longer to the species as the instruments of death were primitive and killing was only for the immediate needs of people in the polar regions. With the advent of the harpoon and ocean going vessels the destruction became more efficient and more commercial. In almost every case the discovery of new whaling grounds has led to the virtual disappearance of the indigenous whales.

The blue whale, the mammoth of the family, has probably suffered most in recent years. From an estimated 100,000 in the 1950s, the population is now down to about 1,000. There is now a world wide ban on killing the blue whale, but as it is a slow breeder — calving once every two years — it is still too early to say whether the rescue operation will work. The humpback, grey and right whales are also completely protected, although there are still some pirate whalers at sea.

The sperm whale has been another major target for hunters. The attraction was the huge deposit of wax in its giant head — providing as much as 2,300 liters of excellent lubricant, the best there was until the development of mineral oils.

The sperm also produces ambergris, much sought after for medicines and perfume. It has an awful smell when "fresh", but is hardly surprising as it is part of the whale's

intestinal waste. Ambergris is usually found in small quantities, a few grains at a time, but in 1953 a mind-boggling 413kg was found in a whale caught in the Antarctic and was sold for approximately £154 per kilo. The killer whale lives up to its name by always hunting in packs and often attacking larger, less mobile whales in the hunt for food. About 9.5 meters long, small on the whale scale, killers, have powerful jaws and rows of savage teeth.

One of the strangest incidents involving these whales occurred over a period of about 80 years beginning in the first half of the last century. One killer, Old Tom, returned year after year, until 1930, to a small beach in Australia's New South Wales. With two other killers it would locate a humpback or fin whale, and then kill it, eating some of the carcass and leaving the rest to local fishermen.

The uncanny thing was that Old Tom and his confederates would not begin operations until local fishermen rowed out into the bay to join them. When Old Tom died, his body was washed up to the same beach in the little town of Eden and his skeleton is on show in the local museum.

Whatever the differences between the various species, all whales have two things in common — they have a fantastically accurate built-in hi-fi acoustic system and they migrate enormous distances. The echolocation system, which allows for long distance communication with each other, also helps the blue whale and others find the shoals of krill on which they feed, eating vast quantities of the small shrimp-like crustaceans.

Whales hold the record for seasonal migration marathons. Some species, the baleens, travel up to 20,000 km between polar and temperate zones in search of food and warmer water for calving. In the winter some grey whales from the Arctic go as far as Korea to breed but most are content with the comparatively short trip to the sea off the west coast of California and Mexico, a round trip to 10,000 km in 90 days.

All whales are mammals — they are warm

blooded, have lungs, give birth to live calves and suckle their young — and they are divided into two main groups; baleen and toothed whales, which include dolphins and porpoises.

Baleen whales have no teeth. Instead they have plates of whalebones of various sizes, the largest being the right whale's four meter plates (about 350 of just one side of the upper jaw). They help shovel in and sieve the krill in huge quantities. It is not uncommon for a blue whale to have as much as two tons of krill in his stomach at one time.

Baleen, or whalebone whales, are the biggest of the species and the biggest of them all is the famous blue whale, which is the largest creature ever to inhabit the earth, dwarfing the huge prehistoric dinosaurs. The largest are about 30 meters long (10 cars end-to-end) and the adult male weighs as much as 1665 tons, which is equivalent to 30 elephants or 1,600 men. Even calves are about seven meters long at birth. The blue's tongue is the size of an elephant and its main arteries are big enough for a child to crawl up.

Humpbacks, also baleen krill-eaters, are comparatively small, about half the size of blue whales. They are round and ungainly, and the name probably comes from the habit of arching their backs just before diving. They are well known for their carousing: rolling over and over in the water, slapping each other with their big flippers, which are about a third of the body length and making a terrible noise. It is estimated that there are only about 6,000 humpbacks left out of an original population of 105,000.

Another baleen decimated by man is the right whale, so called because it was thought to be the "right" whale to catch. It is slow, ponderous and, because of its buoyancy, easy to transport when harpooned. Only about 4,000 are left (a decline of 97 per cent).

The "big head" sperm whale, its head is about a third of its 18 meters length, is a toothed whale. Not for him the dainty krill but squid and cuttlefish — preferably by the



INTRODUCTION: Bill Lacinak, a whale-trainer at the famous Sea World in Florida, seen introducing his son 4-year-old Philip Lacinak to a killer whale.

hundred. Most squid are about a metre long but in 1955 a giant squid, about a meter long but in 1955 a giant squid, about 10.3m long and weighing 182kg, was found in a 14 meter sperm whale.

In the search for food the sperm whale can dive 1,100 meters below the surface: a mammalian world record. It dives vertically

and can submerge for as long as an hour before being forced up for a breather, which can be as short as ten minutes. The spout of water from a whale's blow hole (nostril) is simply a matter of it clearing out its lungs when it surfaces.

All whales have a special family feeling —

any sick or wounded member of a herd will be assisted by others, even of a different species.

The whale is an attractive and vital part of the ecology of the sea it should be protected from those who would destroy it for monetary gain (Courtesy of Ahtan Wasahlan)

'People who sleep for eight hours are slow in action'

By a Medical Correspondent

When the United States Army Medical Research Command tried to discover the relation between sleep and efficiency, it found that people who sleep for eight hours tend to be creative but slow in their actions

and unable to keep a job going for long. They appear to dream more and to carry over their dreams into everyday life.

Professor Wilse Webb of the University of Florida's psychology department, says there are more six to seven-hour sleepers than 20 years ago. This applies to children too. Com-

pared with children in 1917, kids of the eighties sleep 90 minutes less a night. Sleep requirements are expected to go on decreasing. But there is a limit of about five hours beyond which it is not safe to go.

ABSENTEEISM: Doctors studying absenteeism through sickness have come up with a

bit of ammunition for lordly male types. About one fourth of absences last only one day, one fourth last two to three days, one fourth four to seven days, one fourth more than a week.

More than half the absences were caused by respiratory diseases and digestive troubles. Salaried employees are absent more than management and people paid hourly. And men can now point out that women are absent more often and remain away longer.

THE WAY TO IMPROVE VOICE: Finding the best pitch for your voice is important. It can make you feel better. Reading aloud helps add texture and depth. You begin to acquire a musical quality that will carry over to your everyday voice.

According to psychoanalysts, humming is an excellent way to improve the quality of your voice. One says: "Hum when you are under tension. Your voice will be better for it and you will feel better. Improved breathing will help you co-ordinate voices and emotions. When you are irritated, take a breath before you speak. Your anger may have resolved itself before you have exhaled."

BIG COLLECTION OF HEADS: Don't talk to researchers and students at the University of the Pacific's school of dentistry in San Francisco about heads — they have 1,400 skulls, which, they claim, is the largest collection of its kind in the world.

They are carefully preserved and over the full range from premature babies to really old men. Why does this group of American dental experts want so many skulls? Curator Dar Fred West explained: "Because they show you in three dimensions the way teeth develop in the mouth."

Among the samples: A man whose jaw was broken so it could not be moved from side to side, and a child's which clearly shows he was a thumbsucker because of the way in which the teeth are pushed up. Researchers from all over the world perform experiments on the skulls, which are said to be worth £50,000.

Rats - Egypt's nagging problem

By Jonathan Wright

ZAGAZIG, Egypt (R) — Egypt has declared war on millions of brown rats attacking the fertile farmlands of the Nile Delta.

Warning that a plague of rats was approaching emergency proportions, agriculture officials began spreading tons of pesticide across the lush plain that is Egypt's breadbasket. In the first three days of the campaign, they said 1.5 million rats were exterminated in just one province, Kalyoubia.

"But this is the tip of the iceberg," the Ministry of Agriculture's pest department reported. One official put the number of rats in the Delta at 240 million. An American rodent expert, Richard Pochet, called the situation very serious. Despite successive eradication campaigns, the rat population, which outnumbers people by more than 10 to one, was reaching new peaks each summer, Pochet said.

Although total agricultural production has not yet shown signs of decline, rats are devouring extra crops that reclaimed land and high-yield crop strains would normally be producing, he said. No statistics are available, but farmers in the area around this rat-infested mud brick town in Northern Egypt complain that rats are eating almost everything. The farmers grow wheat, maize, rice, cotton, broad-beans, sugar cane and barseem (a clover that is the Egyptian peasant's main source of fodder).

The rats here are easy to spot even in broad daylight. "There are too many to hide," lamented a farmer. Pochet, who works with the U.S. Agency for International Development, says the main reason for the rising number of rats is the gradual extinction of their natural enemies — mongooses, kites, hawks and other birds of prey. The predators have either lost their habitats to humans or been killed by insecticides.

"The conditions for breeding are excellent.

the Egyptian winter is too mild to kill off the bulk of the rodent population, as it would do in Western Europe for example," Pochet said. A mature female rat, producing litters of four to 10 at intervals of 80 days, can have scores of descendants within a year and the young reach maturity six months after birth.

The rats began moving into Zagazig in 1979. Since then officials have launched two unsuccessful extermination campaigns. First, they sold zinc phosphide on credit. The poison is cheap and effective, but the rats learned to avoid it. Farmers also worried that it would kill children and livestock. Last July, when the rat population reached its annual peak, the local governorate offered a reward for every rat killed.

Dr. Abdul-Latif Issa, head of the pest control department, stopped the campaign after two days. "It was completely misguided. We did not want people to touch them in case of disease," he said.

So far there has been no evidence that the brown rats have brought disease to the Delta. "It is a fear we live with," a Zagazig doctor said.

Meanwhile, debate continues over the most effective way to catch the rats. The current campaign is using pesticide imported from Switzerland, Britain and West Germany.

The Agriculture Ministry in Cairo says the \$7 million, budgeted for the campaign, will be exhausted by July and is asking the government for another \$14 million to sustain the war on rats.

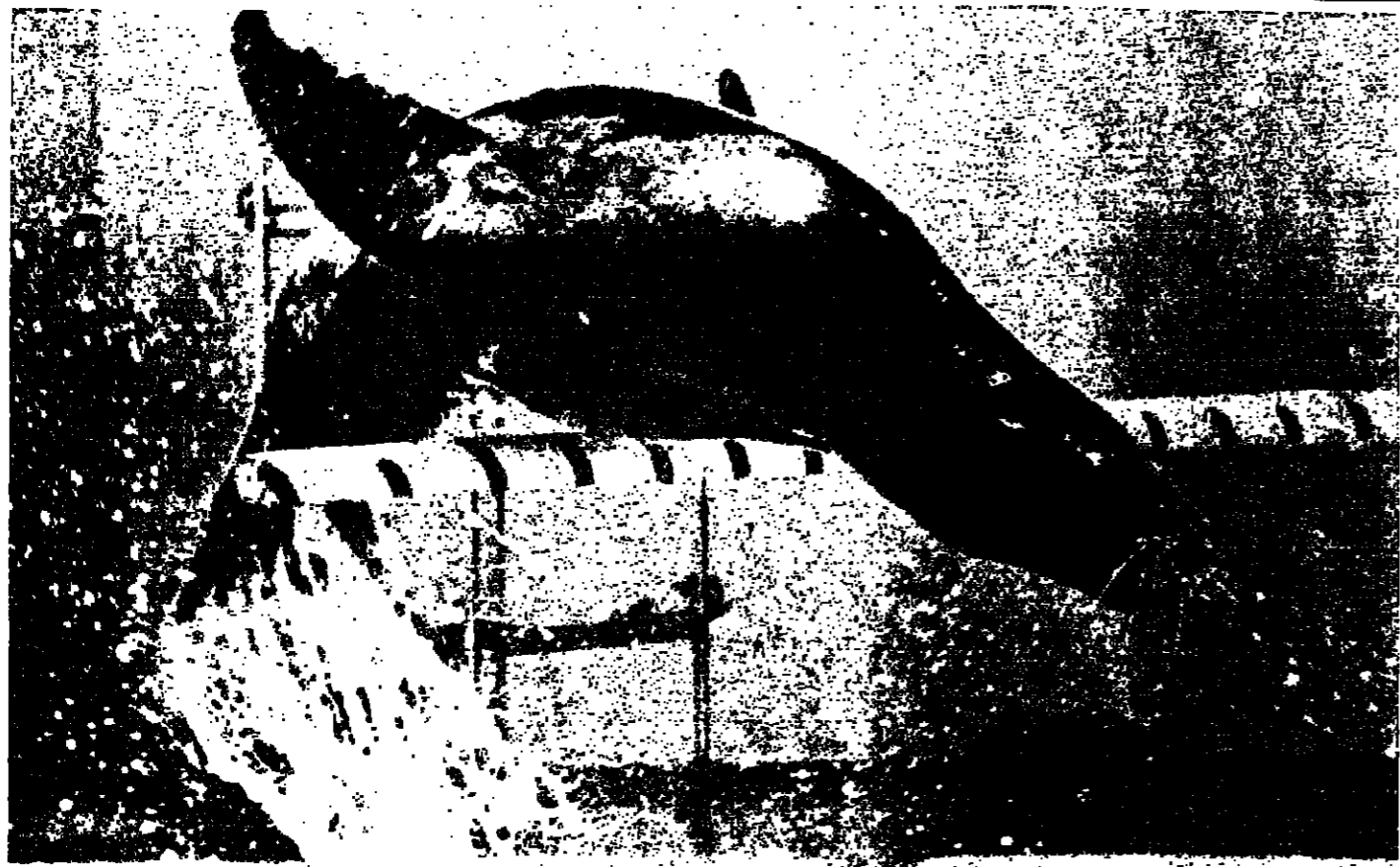
Pochet says more emphasis should be put on mechanical means of extermination, such as trapping and flooding burrows. "These can still be effective," he said.

In Zagazig, the farmers continue to put their faith in the oldest means of rat-catching — cats. Cats with a reputation as good rat-hunters have become prized pets here and are changing hands at \$3.50.



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**PERFORMER:** With the skill of a champion athlete, 'SID' the sea lion clears a hurdle with inches to spare. SID is a star performer at an aquarium in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he has been under study by marine life scientists.



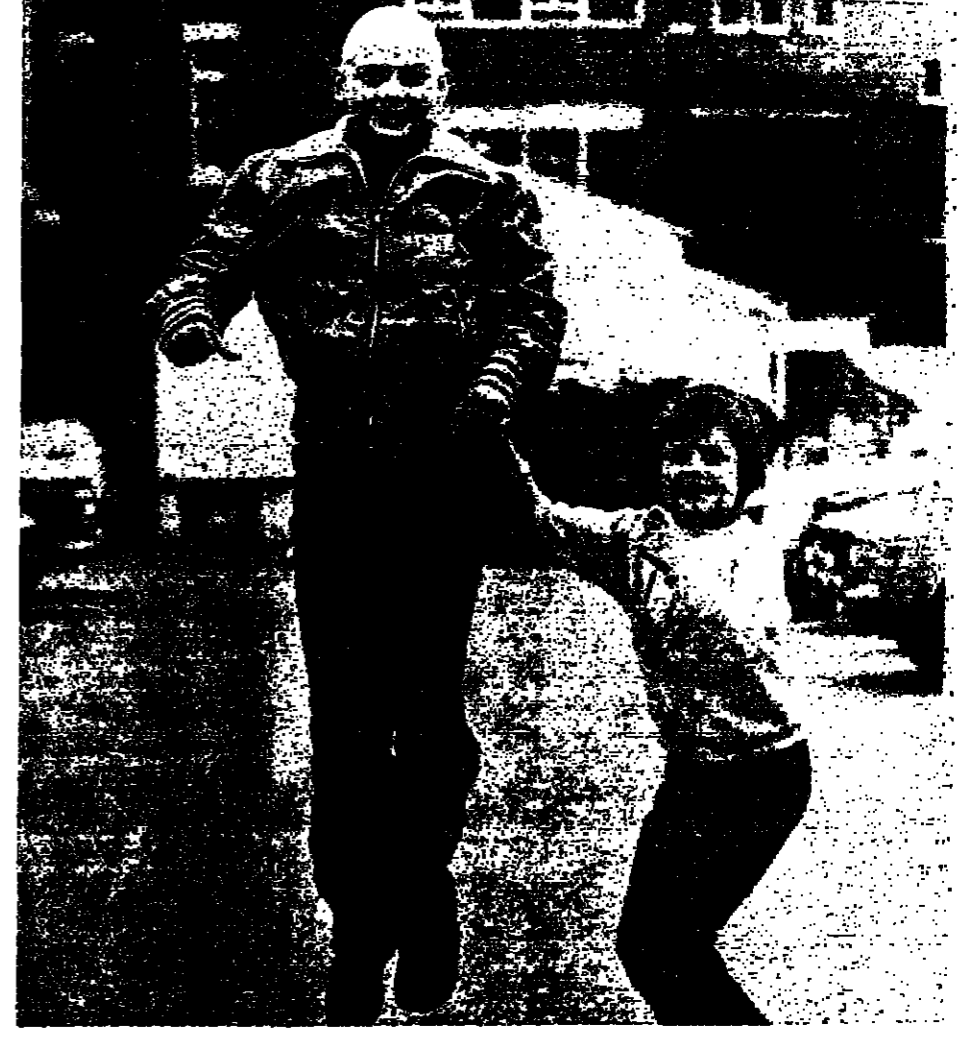
**ENCOUNTER:** This friendly llama evidently has a liking for sweet things and little girls. He is undoubtedly saying, "Let's have a lick of your lolly." The touching encounter is spotted at a zoo in Lancashire, England.



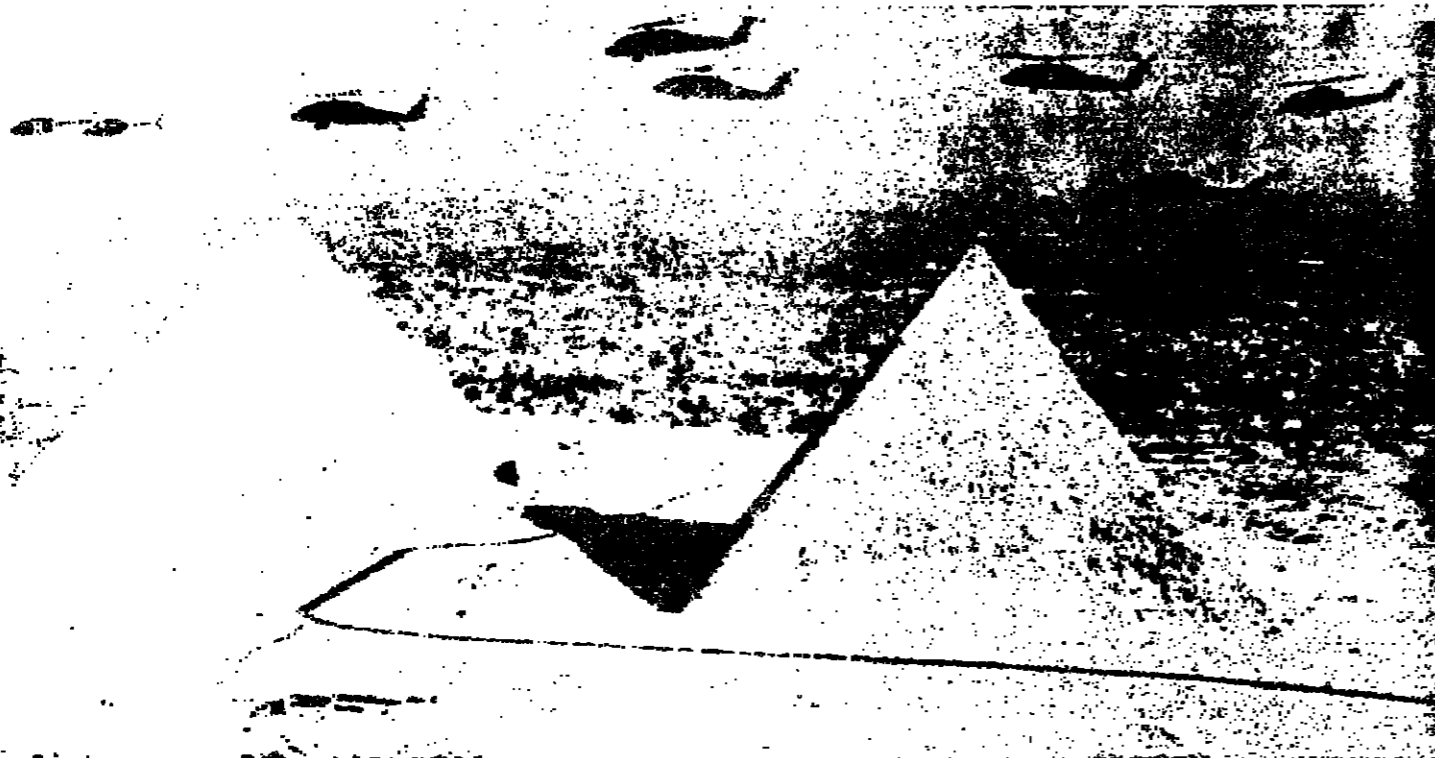
**REMARKABLE:** Standing at attention balancing a ball on the tip of its nose earns full marks for this remarkable sea lion. His trainer, Captain Kirkbride, says it is a rare thing to get a sea lion to perform with such perfection. The act seen taking place at the San Diego Zoo, California.



**GAME GUNS:** The English gunmaking firm of W & C Scott, established in 1834, has introduced two new ranges of game guns, the "Chatsworth Grande Loto", and the "Bowood De Luxe". Handbuilt by skilled craftsmen, they possess a unique balance and finish.



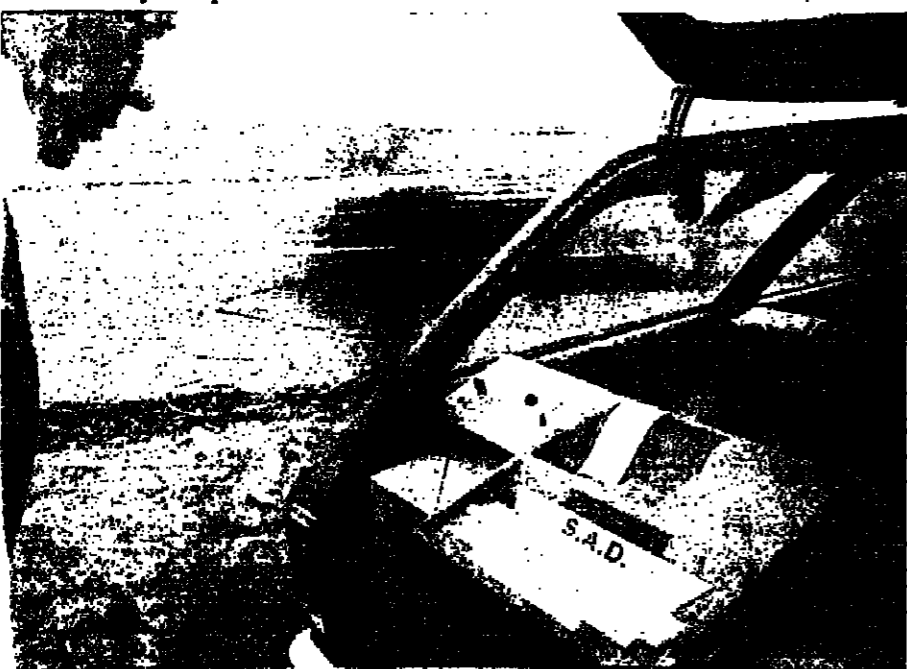
**NEW LIFE:** Terry (left), 12, who became ill last November with bone marrow disease, was saved by his brother, Stephen. Bone Marrow was taken out from Stephen's pelvis and injected into Terry. They are seen here playing.



**TECHNICAL PROGRESS:** Seen here is a graphic illustration of man's technical progress on our planet. Hovering high over the famous ancient pyramids of El Giza on the outskirts of Cairo, is a flight of modern helicopters. The spectacle marks a contrast in technologies over 5000 years apart.



**AWARD WINNERS:** The little Sussex village of Flinton, England, now boasts four grand national winners, in horse racing. Seen here are two award-winning horses brought together by their trainers.



**DEVICE:** This microcomputer-based device could tell a traffic policeman just how well you are driving your car. It comprises two rubber sensor hoses laid across the road, and when a car passes over the hoses the change in pressure is converted into electronic signals which are passed to the microcomputer.



**STATUE:** It is so cold in Zurich that even the head of this bronze statue is suffering. Taken by a Swiss cameraman, the picture can aptly be called "Gesundheit".



**PLAYMATE:** Baby orangutan Rawat (left), rejected by its parents at the Artis Zoo in Amsterdam, has a new playmate, Tjenda (right) who also suffered a similar fate at the Wassenaar's Zoo, near The Hague. Put together at the zoo, they seem to be doing fine.

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From Communists

Mitterrand receives only partial backing

PARIS, May 3 (AFP) — French Communist Party support to Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand over President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in next Sunday's presidential election is rather moderate and not without criticism of his party.

of a party which has 720,000 card-carrying members, highly organized in 26,000 cells. Communists who are doubtful about supporting Mitterrand have not been enlightened by reading their party daily L'Humanite, strangely enough more critical about Socialist Party views than about moves made by the capitalists.

Spain extends security alert

MADRID, May 3 (AFP) — Spanish military authorities have extended partial security alert, declared in the Madrid region last Thursday, for another three days, reliable sources said Sunday. The alert, in what some observers saw as increasing political restlessness in the country, covered the setting-up of rapid intervention units and the suspension of leave for military sources.

Authorities Saturday continued questioning the alleged leader of an abortive military coup on Feb. 23, Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, in La Palma prison near the northwestern port city of La Coruna, the daily paper Ya said. This was seen as an attempt to speed up the inquiry in the face of restlessness in Spain, Ya said.

Waldheim due in Moscow today

MOSCOW, May 3 (AFP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is due here Monday for talks with Soviet leaders on the international situation that are expected to range from disarmament through the war in Lebanon to Afghanistan.

Waldheim, who will be in Moscow until Thursday, is expected to meet President Leonid Brezhnev who will take the opportunity to detail further his proposals for United Nations action made at the 26th Communist Party congress in February.

Brezhnev suggested in particular that a special session of the Security Council be called "in order to seek, in the presence of the heads of state of member countries, the means to render healthy the international climate and prevent war."

In an interview Saturday with the official Soviet news agency Tass, Waldheim stressed, among other things, that Brezhnev's proposals, which emphasized "the need for international dialogue", merited "the most serious study."

The secretary-general added in the interview that he hoped his visit would "strengthen the efficacy of the U.N. — where the USSR plays a central role — to ward off the threat which weighs upon world peace and to create a more stable international climate."

Crippled woman gets \$9m award

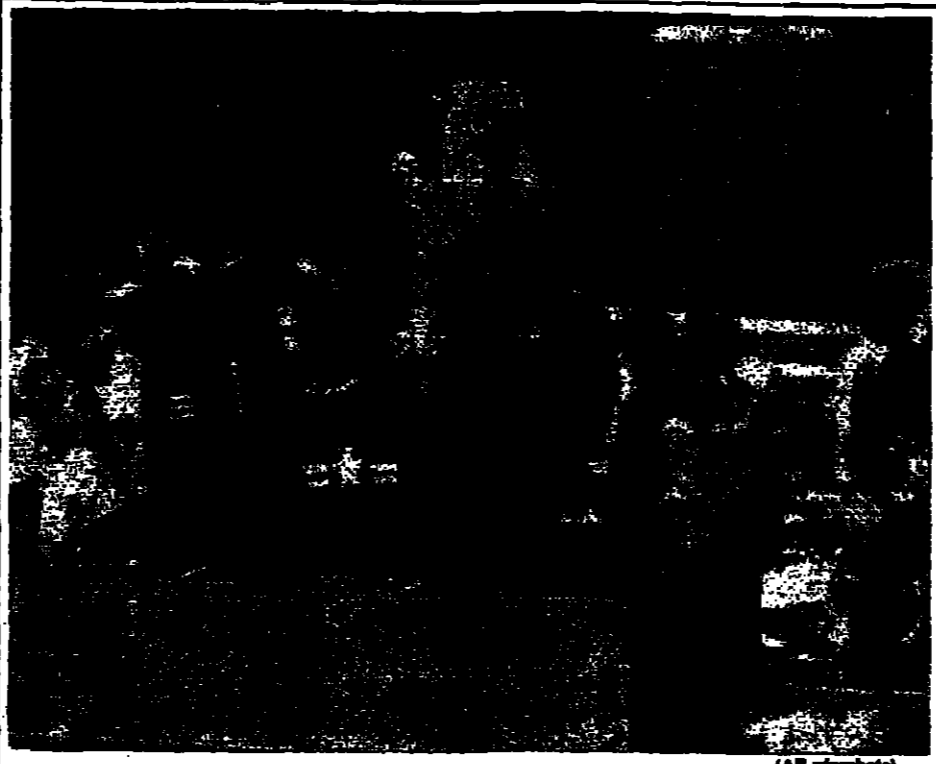
CHICAGO, May 3 (R) — A 46-year-old woman who went into hospital for cosmetic nose surgery and emerged a cripple was awarded \$9 million damages in court Saturday. A jury of six men and six women awarded the largest personal injury damages in Illinois state history to Mrs. Eileen Tannebaum who sued Chicago's Northwest Hospital after her brain was deprived of oxygen during the 1975 operation.

Mrs. Tannebaum lay flat on her back in court. Although no longer able to speak, she could make weak sounds that were interpreted to the jury. At one point during the 57-day hearing, Mrs. Tannebaum was asked what she wanted in the future. With the aid of a sound device and therapist she replied, "stop pain."

Czech pilot seeks asylum in Austria

VIENNA, May 3 (AFP) — A Czechoslovak pilot at a cooperative farm took the lective's airplane Sunday and flew himself, wife and his son to the West where they sought political asylum, Austrian authorities said here. Vaclav Otahal, 35, took from the farm, near his hometown of Jonin, about 30 kms north of the Austrian border, with his wife Vera, 24, and his son, seven.

They arrived at an old military airfield 20 km north of Vienna after a hedge-hopping trip of about 90 kms, and then asked Austrian authorities for asylum, the officials said.



TOKYO PROTEST: May Day marchers in Tokyo take out a float of American nuclear submarine George Washington carrying dummies of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki. The Japanese banner says "we will not accept political settlement of the hit-and-run incident by the U.S. sub." The U.S. and Japanese leaders are scheduled to meet in Washington next week.

Indira begins tour Tuesday

NEW DELHI, May 3 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi leaves here Tuesday on her third trip abroad since her return to power last year, taking her to Switzerland, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

In Switzerland, Mrs. Gandhi will address the general assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO), which has its southeast Asian headquarters in New Delhi. In the two Gulf states she will be returning visits made to India by the respective rulers of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, last September, and of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, in January 1975.

India, which has never established diplomatic relations with Israel and has 80 million Muslim in its population, has always had good relations with Arab states. The 80,000 Indians working in Kuwait and 250,000 in the UAE make an essential contribution to the Indian economy by sending back their earnings in hard currency. The two Gulf states provided India with more than 3.5 million of the 15.7 million tons of oil imported last year, and Mrs. Gandhi is expected to ask for an increase in shipments.

Mrs. Gandhi will be traveling in an aircraft prepared under strict security precautions following the sabotage of her original plane, reported to parliament last Monday. The two Air-India officials responsible for aircraft maintenance have been dismissed and four suspects arrested following the discovery that four control cables had been severed on the Boeing 707.

Mrs. Gandhi's itinerary takes her on from

Switzerland to Kuwait on May 9 and to Abu Dhabi on May 11. She returns to India from Dubai on May 13.

Meanwhile, India's opposition Janata (people's) Party has adopted a resolution urging Mrs. Gandhi's government to launch an atomic weapons program to "defend its security and integrity."

The resolution was passed despite vehement opposition by former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who headed the 1977-79 Janata government. Desai, 85, told the party's executive committee, meeting in the southern city of Bangalore Saturday that India should not make an atom bomb "even if the whole world goes nuclear."

Krishan Kant, a leftist member of the party who moved the resolution, said that "only a strong nuclear India can establish peace and security" in south Asia. India, which detonated a nuclear device in May 1974, in the northwestern Thar desert, has steadfastly maintained that its program is aimed at peaceful uses of atomic energy.

In unrelated developments, three persons were killed Saturday when police opened fire to quell large-scale rioting and arson at Patna and Bardoli towns while another person died in continuing riots in Nalanda region, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

At Bardoli, in the western Indian state of Gujarat, authorities proclaimed a curfew after a man and a woman were killed by police fire during a general strike in the town. The strike was called to protest alleged police harassment of a local diamond dealer, the agency said.

Phnom Penh rulers voted to assembly

BANGKOK, May 3 (Agencies) — Leaders of the two-year-old Phnom Penh regime who ran in general elections Friday were voted to the National Assembly with a great majority, the Cambodian news agency SPK said in a report monitored here Sunday.

According to SPK, President Heng Samrin, Vice President Penn Sovann, strongman of the Vietnamese-backed leadership, and Information Minister Keo Chanda were among those who won about 98 per cent of the votes cast in the constituency of Phnom Penh. The report, confined to results from the Cambodian capital, said 12 others won "more than 95 per cent" of the votes.

In the first general elections, since the Heng Samrin regime came into power in January 1979, Cambodian voters went to the polls to elect 117 National Assembly members from 148 candidates fielded.

The elections denounced as a farce by Kampuchea's non-Communist neighbors, appeared to have taken place peacefully. The elections were held as the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government, still fighting an estimated 40,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas, sought to show that it had consolidated its political power.

Meanwhile, Cambodian Foreign Minister Hun Sen Saturday held talks in Phnom Penh with a special envoy of United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, SPK reported Sunday.

In Ottawa, Thai Foreign Minister Sithi Sawetasilai said Saturday that a Cambodian peace conference might be held in Vienna in July.

Indian film star dies

NEW DELHI, May 3 (AFP) — One of India's most celebrated film actresses, Narigis Dutt, died of cancer in a Bombay hospital early Sunday the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Mrs. Dutt, 51, a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha (upper house of parliament), was an ardent supporter of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The actress, who is survived by her actor-director husband Sundil Dutt, two daughters and a son, underwent surgery and prolonged treatment in New York last year.

Lifesaving drugs plant planned in orbit by 1987

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, May 3 (R) — Space factories could be floating around the earth by the end of the 1980s producing lifesaving drugs. That is the hope of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and aerospace engineers McDonnell Douglas, working together on a pioneering project they believe will reap the benefits of space age technology for mankind.

The American space shuttle Columbia is the key to the project, which would lead the way in the industrialization of space. If all goes well with the shuttle, following its successful maiden space mission, it will carry an experimental processing device into orbit next year.

Scientists at McDonnell Douglas believe that space, with zero gravity, is highly conducive to electrical separation of biological products — a process known as continuous-flow electrophoresis. Jim Rose, the project manager at McDonnell Douglas headquarters in St. Louis, thinks electrophoresis will work at least 500 times more efficiently in space than on the ground.

"Now it's a question of testing our theory and validating the technology," he says. If the space experiments come up to expectations, they could signify an important breakthrough in the fight against cancer, strokes, heart disease, diabetes and hemophilia.

McDonnell Douglas engineers have already built an electrophoresis unit that Rose says is six times better than any other currently known biological separation device. Now they are making a more compact unit, measuring five feet (1.5 meters) long, two feet (.61 meters) wide and weighing 500 pounds, to go aloft in the shuttle. Rose hopes to send the unit into space on the fourth shuttle flight, scheduled for April 1982. It will be installed in the crew quarters in the nose of the spacecraft and operated by the astronauts.

Experiments will continue on later shuttle flights and McDonnell Douglas hopes to have a prototype of the first space factory ready to test by early 1985. It will be fully automated and carried in the shuttle's huge payload bay. The first commercial factory could be in orbit as early as 1987, Rose says.

Rose sees tremendous potential for processing biological material in space but is coy about precisely what the first space-derived drug might be — a "trade secret" he says. All he would reveal was that "it is a hormone that is very valuable, that is not available today, and that could probably be used to treat more than a million people annually."

Generally speaking, Rose says, electrophoresis could be used to separate biological material such as hormones, enzymes, proteins and blood cells produced by the human body. Among possible products is the much-sought cancer-fighting hormone interferon. Another possibility, giving hope to diabetics, is beta cells that produce insulin. For hemophiliacs, it could be the special enzyme factor VIII they need to make their blood clot and stay alive.

Still another possibility is producing the

pituitary hormone to overcome stunted growth. Rose says NASA is particularly interested in the enzyme urokinase, produced by kidney cells. This dissolves blood clots and could have great potential in fighting strokes, thrombosis and heart attacks. "There are literally hundreds of drugs that could be made in space," he adds.

So that NASA will provide space on shuttle flights free, McDonnell Douglas will in turn carry out various research experiments for the federal government agency. For the drug factories and other such commercial ventures in space to become a reality, they will need a power plant.

NASA is hoping to persuade Congress to apportion funds to put a power plant in space, generating solar energy. McDonnell Douglas will not disclose its financial investment in the project. "It runs in the millions and it's a high-risk venture but we think the potential payoff is there," says Rose. He foresees 10 or 15 factories in space, and possibly more as new products are developed.

Chinese play denied lights

PEKING, May 3 (AP) — A local Chinese dramatic company staging a play about a corrupt power company worker has to perform without lights. The power company turns off its electricity in protest during every performance, the People's Daily reported Saturday.

The Communist Party newspaper said the play, staged in a county in Shanxi province, is about a power company worker who takes advantage of his job to extract bribes, but eventually sees the error of his ways. The local power company complained that the play exaggerated unsavory practices by power company workers, and demanded some revisions, the paper added. But even after revisions to include praise for power company workers, the power company still blacked out every performance, the People's Daily said.

Soviet gift planes leave for Zimbabwe

NAIROBI, May 3 (AFP) — Two Soviet military transport planes, which were reportedly impounded for violating Kenyan airspace, left here Saturday for Zimbabwe, their original destination, The Nairobi Times weekly newspaper said here Sunday.

The weekly, quoting informed government sources, said that the two-propeller Antonov AN26 planes, which landed at the Jomo Kenyatta Airport last Thursday, were gifts to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government from the Soviet Union.

The planes had landed here with the full knowledge of the Kenyan government.



WALKING HARVEST: A garden of some 1,500 walking sticks at the rear of the hotel Ons Krijtland in the small town of Epen in Holland's southern Limburg province. The owners don't expect the sticks to grow, of course; they are given free to all visitors to the hotel to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Prince Charles calls for return to traditional values

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia May 3 (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles, speaking at the age of William and Mary, has called for a return to learning and a return to the traditional values behind centuries of Anglo-American friendship. Speaking that he was speaking only a few miles from Yorktown where the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781 assured America's independence from English rule, Charles said that the common heritage lives on and will light the way to the future. He stressed the common love of justice, liberty, rule and the determination and the courage and the right... was inherited and has become one of the most powerful factors in Anglo-American friendship and the understanding which exists between our two countries," he said.

"So far as Virginia is concerned, there will always be an England," responded Governor John Dalton. Virginia was England's first colony in America.

Charles drew applause, smiles and laughter throughout his address, as well as standing ovations at its close and as he was invested as an honorary fellow of William and Mary, which was founded by his ancestors and is the second oldest university in the United States.

Charles spoke of the 18th century "community of learning," noting that "it seems that we have gradually become more and more narrow-minded, more nationalistic and less understanding, perhaps, toward the needs of the individual human being" since that era. The prince also apologized for turning

down an invitation to speak at the college last year.

"I thought it would be more appropriate if I came this year because I discovered that 1981 was the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown, and I felt that in my capacity as colonel of the Welsh Guards you would like to have a genuine redcoat in your midst," he said.

Charles also brought an outburst of laughter when he referred to his ancestors William of Orange and Princess Mary of England, who were the joint rulers of the British empire when Williamsburg became the colonies' capital and the university here was founded under their charter in the 17th century.

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# Spot mart oil prices continue to decline

PARIS, May 3 (AFP) — Oil prices continue to slump on spot markets as Saudi Arabia is accused by hawks among the oil producers of keeping its output too high with three weeks to go to the OPEC conference in Geneva on May 25.

Best quality crude, the light oils from Libya, Algeria and Nigeria, is finding buyers only at \$35 to \$36 a barrel on the London spot market.

## Zimbabwe to have say in industry

SALISBURY, May 3 (AFP) — The Zimbabwe government plans to have a say in the running of major industries, and to introduce profit-sharing for workers. Prime Minister Robert Mugabe promised in a May Day speech.

Mugabe has repeatedly pledged "pragmatic socialism" to redress the legacy of nine decades of white-minority rule, under which cheap black labor helped make whites rich. Zimbabwe's 200,000 whites earn 10 times more per capita on average than the blacks, who number more than seven million, and commerce and industry are still largely controlled by whites.

Having achieved political independence in April 1980, the government now had to work at independence in the economy, Mugabe said. "We will want to see the profits each year" of businesses where blacks are employed," he said.

This \$4 to \$5 below the official prices charged by producers. The oversupply has also resulted in an increase in the number of tankers being used for storage. Tonnage moored for this purpose totaled 1.9 million tons in April.

Oil sources were, therefore, surprised when the Japanese Daikyo Oil firm agreed to pay Kuwait a \$2.75 a barrel premium. The Japanese government Saturday asked the company to renegotiate the deal in an attempt to pay the official price of \$35.5 alone, as have British Petroleum and Shell. Prices were helped on their downward path by Oil Minister Sheikh Zaki Yamani remark that Saudi Arabia created the surplus by maintaining output at 1.5 million barrels a day above its normal level in a move to stabilize prices.

Saudi Arabia is charging \$32 a barrel for oil sold by other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at \$35 to \$36. The Saudi Arabian position is particularly strong as Saudi Arabia now accounts for 42 per cent of total OPEC output compared with 25 per cent before the Iranian revolution.

The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said in its monthly review published in Kuwait Sunday that the continued oil surplus depressed prices and could possibly lead to dangerous competition among producers. The article wondered whether it is time for Arab countries, which account for more than half of world oil deliveries, to plan price and production levels to protect themselves against market fluctuations and to prolong their reserves.

## ADB concerned over U.S. slashing aid

HONOLULU, May 3 (R) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced a meeting of contributing countries in Geneva early in July after the U.S. disclosed plans to cut its aid programs by \$56 billion next year.

ADB President Taroichi Yoshida said the U.S. plans had very serious implications and could affect donations from other countries, including European member nations.

"Countries in Europe are also having a difficult time," Yoshida told a press conference at the end of the bank's three-day annual meeting here, in an apparent reference to President Reagan's budget-slashing programs. "There is no question the U.S. position could have very serious implications," he said.

U.S. Deputy Treasury Secretary Timothy McNamar told the 1,000 delegates from the bank's 44-member states that his government planned to cut 86 domestic and foreign assistance programs by roughly \$56 billion in the 1982 financial year. The bank, which made loan commitments of \$1.35 billion last

year, and its associated Asian Development Fund, supply loans and other aid to two-thirds of the world's poorest countries.

Yoshida said a meeting of donor countries would be held in Geneva early in July to prepare for the replenishment of the fund, which supplies loans to the poorer countries free of interest and for a service charge of only one per cent. He said the bank's needs for the 1983-87 period were being studied and the bank expected to seek substantial additional resources during the year.

He had held informal conversations with representatives of contributing countries here and had taken account of the fact that the present economic climate for increasing assistance was not particularly favorable. "But I am encouraged by the understanding and the positive reactions shown by the bank's donor members," Yoshida said.

He said he hoped that by the end of the year bank members would be able to reach decisions on how to replenish funds for the



WARNING STRIKE: Metal workers all over West Germany went on a one-hour warning strike recently to demand higher wages. In the picture workers are seen demonstrating at Gelsenkirchen.

## U.N. renders help China set to fight drought

PEKING, May 3 (AP) — Drinking water is a problem in some places, some fields lack water for irrigation and the drought in Peking's suburbs is expected to continue, the Peking Daily said Saturday.

The newspaper said weathermen expect that rainfall will remain 10 to 20 per cent

below normal in the area at least until June.

It said rural peasants were preparing for a long battle against drought, cleaning and repairing wells to get the most water possible from them, and preparing different kinds of seeds so they can plant whatever turns out to be most suitable.

Hebei province already is suffering from a severe drought which began last year. The United Nations has been trying to raise \$700 million and 1.5 million tons of food for relief in Hebei and in central China's Hubei province, which was seriously flooded last year. It has already started sending food aid directly or through member nations.

Peking itself weathered last year's drought fairly well, but the Peking Daily said local reservoirs' water supply is down 56 per cent from last May and some rivers have dried up.

It said the ground water level has dropped one to three meters, and that out of 35,000 wells in Peking, only 20,000 are operating normally. Some are producing a reduced amount of water and some are dry, it added.

Meanwhile, the official People's Daily said Saturday the recent growth of the private sector in agriculture and the future modernization plan might put millions of peasants out of work if measures are not taken soon.

China has about 800 million peasants out of a total population estimated at 1,000 million. According to informed Chinese sources, 26 million people are currently out of work throughout China.

## 'Group of 10' to debate hike in IMF quotas

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AFP) — The 'group of ten' leading industrialized countries is to hold a preparatory meeting in Paris on May 14 before the meeting of the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to be held on May 21 in Libreville, Gabon, sources close to the IMF have said here.

Part of the Paris meeting will be attended by United States Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and the agenda will cover the increase in IMF quotas aimed at increasing the fund's resources, and the support members of the group intend to give to help the IMF to continue its activities until the quota increase becomes effective.

# EEC budget imbalance must end, Thatcher says

LONDON, May 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said in an interview with the Sunday Times that two countries "keep Europe going financially, the Germans and U.S. This state of affairs cannot go on."

Mrs. Thatcher was referring to contributions to the annual budget of the European Common Market. West Germany and Britain contribute by far the greatest amount. She told Ronald Butt, foreign editor of the Times, in an interview marking the second anniversary Sunday of the electoral victory that brought her Conservative Party to power that she planned to make reform of the community's budget an important chapter in her talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in London May 11-12.

She said Schmidt would be the first to agree the situation cannot continue because the Germans "feel deeply what we were feeling, that they in fact are financing nations some of whom are richer per head than the Germans themselves."

She said the British agree "and that's where we've got the big restructuring of the budget to come." She said the British response to the Germans was: "Right, we support you, but you have got to stand on it. It does no good your saying that to me and then retreating." She did not clarify.

Then Butt asked: "but are you not up against what you might call the Schmidt-Giscard axis?" Referring to the traditional close relationship between Schmidt and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Mrs. Thatcher replied: "It won't stop me

from fighting or from saying things which I know, and I think Chancellor Schmidt knows, have to be done for the future of Europe whole. We can't go on with this so budget. I think we shall have a long drawn battle on refashioning the budget. I think shall succeed because most of us think more important that Europe continue, that we just fall out for a budget."

## Opium smuggling ring smashed

SINGAPORE, May 3 (R) — A syndicate involved in smuggling millions of dollars worth of opium into Malaysia and Singapore from the "golden triangle" has been smashed, officials here said Sunday.

Seven people were arrested and raw opium with an estimated black market value of more than 2.5 million Singapore dollars (U.S. \$1 million) was seized in the two countries, the sources said. The opium from "golden triangle," a jungle area straddling Thailand, Burma and Laos, was sent onto the north Malaysian island of Penang, a major distribution center for the illicit trade, they said.

Singapore Drug Squad Bureau Director Poh Geok Ek said the opium harvest in the golden triangle had been exceptionally good this year, with production estimated at 800 tonnes, nearly four times as much as a year's crop.

## BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The American computer firm Sperry Univac is about to make a bid for the troubled British ICL firm, one of the few major companies active in new information technology, the Sunday Times reported Sunday. The British government was opposed to such a bid and was trying to draw up other solutions to ICL's cash problems, it added.

TOKYO, (AFP) — The Victor Company of Japan has reached a basic agreement with three West European electrical manufacturers for joint production of the video tape recorders (VTR's) it has developed for home use. It said the scale of production, and other joint production details were now under separate negotiations with the three companies — Britain's Thorn-EMI, France's

Thomson Brandt and West German Age-Telefunken.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe will make a formal visit to Japan beginning Monday after a visit to China, Foreign Ministry sources here said here. Mugabe will Premier Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito for talks on Japanese economic cooperation with Zimbabwe.

LONDON, (AFP) — Tea is still a national drink in Britain, but coffee is fast catching according to a study published here. One per cent of Britons do not drink tea at all in the week, while people in the 1 are more partial to the "cuppa". But it is favored by people aged over 55, coffee more attraction for the young.

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Bokairia Municipality	Project of meat and vegetables market	—	300	23-5-81
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6.	Lokmal 1	Fayaz	General	30.4.81
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9.	Char Ya	Abdallah	Contrs./Steel/Gen.	2.5.81
10.	Georgia	Alpha	Bagged Sugar	30.4.81
11.	Kai Maru	Aliraza	Containers	2.5.81
12.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	29.4.81
13.	Tom Herdis	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	2.5.81
14.	San Felice	A'salbi	Bulk Cement	2.5.81
15.	Papagayo Universal	Star	Fruit	27.4.81
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8.	Nitya Amer	Gulf	General	27.4.81
9.	Panch Jyoti	Orri	General	2.5.81
10.	Barge GM-6	Alsadaa	Loading	3.5.81
11.	Magnificence Venture	UEP	General	30.4.81
12.	Maldive Prize	Orri	General	30.4.81
13.	Strathewe	Kanoo	General	1.5.81
14.	Kano Mu	Gosaibi	Loading Conts	2.5.81
15.	Camandant Revello	A.E.T.	Containers	2.5.81
16.	Avlis	Gosaibi	Barley/Steel/Gen.	26.4.81
17.	Lanka Keerti	gulf	Barley in Bags	11.4.81
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**Contract Bridge**

**Famous Hand**

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 2  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 9 6 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 8 7 6 4  
♥ K J 10 7  
♦ 9 5 3  
♣ 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 9  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ K 10 7

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass  
2♣ Pass 6♣

Opening lead - three of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the match between Australia and the U.S. during the World Bridge Olympiad in 1968. When Cummings and Seres were North-South for Australia, they got to six clubs on the sequence shown. In their methods, Cummings' two club bid was constructive and showed about the same strength as a raise to three clubs would in many other systems.

Despite his three-card trump holding, Seres leaped directly to six, which proved to be an excellent contract even though the 3-1 trump break meant that South had only eleven ready-made winners.

Had the American West led either a spade or a heart, he would have handed declarer his twelfth trick. But West led a diamond instead. Seres won the diamond with the ace and cashed the K-A of trumps, hoping for a 2-2 division. But West showed out and Seres - with malice aforethought - played a third trump to prepare the way for a possible squeeze.

East won and shifted to a heart. Seres rose with the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond, and played two more rounds of trumps, producing this position:

West East  
♠ J 8 7 6 ♠ 5 3  
♥ K ♥ 8  
♦ 9 5 3 ♦ Q 8  
♣ 5 ♣ Q 9 7

Now he led dummy's last trump, discarding a diamond, and West found himself in deep trouble. He was forced to discard a spade and Seres won the last four tricks with the A-K-Q of spades.

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**Your Individual Horoscope**

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, MAY 4, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)  
Though it's a good day for your personal finances, others may tend to quarrel with you about money matters. Seek agreement.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)  
Utilize common sense. Don't let someone at work pull a fast one on you. Despite your happy disposition, you may meet with jealousy.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
You tend to rehash problems now, and you may well come up with some valuable insights. Enjoy romance, but don't offend conventions.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Problems at home may interfere with social plans. Though a visit may have to be cut short, you'll still have a pleasant time.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)  
You'll make a good impression, careerwise, but don't sign any agreements at present. Details may be tricky, requiring further thought.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
If you're truly interested in a course of study, you'll find some way to come up with the money. Talks with advisers bear fruit.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
You may have mixed feelings about dipping capital, even for a good cause. Weigh the pros and cons before acting.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
Once again, suspicion could be your stumbling block. Overcome doubts, and open your heart to others. Share your feelings.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
A friend may ask you to bend the rules. Don't. Mentally, you're efficient and productive, but don't become over-tired.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
Someone hides ulterior motives under a mask of diplomacy. Don't conduct business and pleasure, but enjoy a romantic possibility.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
Advice you receive could fault. Legal matters are favored now. Family talks are beneficial, and you'll enjoy home life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
There may be strings attached to an invitation. Let others twist your work. Stand up for yourself as you'll win this one.

**Crossword**

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS  
1 Fly alone  
5 Embarrassed  
11 Baby carriage  
12 Vanat  
13 Norse prose  
14 Peaceful  
15 French marshal  
16 Prior to  
17 Suffix denoting origin  
18 Discontinued  
20 Half a sawbuck  
21 Nurture  
22 Alliance  
23 Celebrity  
25 Late labor leader  
26 Ex-court star  
27 Regard  
28 Baths  
29 Errol Flynn movie  
32 - esprit  
33 German conjunction  
34 Convent dweller  
35 X-rated  
37 Israeli port  
38 Wealthy one's home  
39 "Those - God wishes to destroy..."

DOWN  
41 - one  
6 Opposite of save  
2 Sequence  
3 Arthurian maiden  
4 Ex boxer  
5 Shot skyward  
6 Ran  
7 "Where the Boys -"  
8 Role for Richard Kiley  
9 First or bulldog, e.g.  
10 Propriety  
11 Fencing foil  
12 Musical  
13 Fountain  
14 Vegetables  
15 Former great  
16 Calumniate  
17 Patch  
18 "I Could Have -"  
19 Musical  
20 Retinue  
21 Excitement  
22 Former  
23 Fake lace  
24 Calumniate  
25 Beard of grain

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE** - Here's how to work it:  
A X Y D L B A A X R  
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**CRYPTOQUOTES**  
DSA XCZDI BSCKS UAOCRA  
ZONF WMIDCKA HOA XOAHDAO  
DSHJ DSNIA DSHD IEOCJX  
ZONF KSHOCDL - XCPONH  
Saturday's Cryptquote: HUMAN KINDNESS HAS NEVER WEAKENED THE STAMINA OF OR STRENGTHENED THE FIBER OF A FREE PEOPLE. - FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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Time	Channel	Program	Time	Channel	Program
4:30	Children's Show	Children's Show	11:00	World News	World News
5:30	Wildlife Cinema	Wildlife Cinema	11:30	World News	World News
6:00	Headlines To Health	Headlines To Health	12:00	World News	World News
6:22	Family Hour Festival	Family Hour Festival	12:30	World News	World News
7:19	Old Country Shop	Old Country Shop	1:00	World News	World News
7:46	WKRP in Cincinnati	WKRP in Cincinnati	1:30	World News	World News
8:10	Between the Wars	Between the Wars	2:00	World News	World News
8:35	Channel 3 Feature	Channel 3 Feature	2:30	World News	World News

**Small Arabians TV Programs**

MONDAY: 4:30 Quran, Program Review, 4:35 Educational Program, 5:15 Children's Programs, 6:15 Local News, Maghreb Prayer, Call, 6:45 Religious Feature, 7:15 Folklore Program, 7:45 News in English, 8:00 Symposium, during which the Iba Prayer's Call will take place, 9:00 News in Arabic, Daily Series, Soap, 10:30 Arabic Film, 11:30 Countdown.

**BARBADOS T.V. Programs**

MONDAY: 4:00 Quran; 4:25 Today's Programs; 4:45 Children's Programs; 6:00 Wonders of the Sea; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:35 Musical Show; 9:30 English News; 9:55 Tomorrow's Program; 10:00 Weekly Series; 10:50 Arabic News; 11:00 World News At Ten; 10:30 Selected Songs; Tomorrow's Programs; 1:45 Indian Feature.

**KUWAIT TV Programs**

MONDAY: 7:00 The Holy Quran; 7:05 Cartoons; 7:30 Camp Wilder; 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Moving Report; 8:30 Family; 9:15 Cine Club.

**QATAR**

MONDAY: 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talks; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Pepom 6:30 From A.Z. 7:30 Documentary; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Grits; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 World News At Ten; 10:30 Selected Songs; Tomorrow's Programs; 1:45 Indian Feature.

**OMAN T.V. Programs**

MONDAY: 4:00 Quran; 5:17 Today's Programs; 4:30 Students' Program; 5:40 Adult Education; 6:10 Song; 6:15 Religious Program; 7:00 Police/Army Discussion; 7:30 Arabic Film Series; 8:30 Talk; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Cultural Series; 9:30 Arabic Local News; 9:45 Song 10:00 English News; 10:30 Local News; 12:10 News 12:30 Quran.

**BAHRAIN T.V. Programs**

MONDAY: 5:45 Quran; 6:00 H.R. Patristic; 6:20 Bonanza; 7:10 Untamed World; 7:35 Theater of Stars; 8:20 Get Smart 8:45 Feature; 10:10 Dr. Kildare; 10:35 1 Spyr.

**QATAR**

MONDAY: 3:00 Quran; 3:15 Religious Program; 3:30 Children's Daily Series; 4:00 Cartoons; 4:30 Animal Movie; 5:15 Daily Arabic Series; 6:00 Arabic News; 6:15 Daily Comedy Series; 6:45 Science Club; 7:35 Daily Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:05 Window on the World; 9:25 Voice of the Gulf; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Arabic Film.

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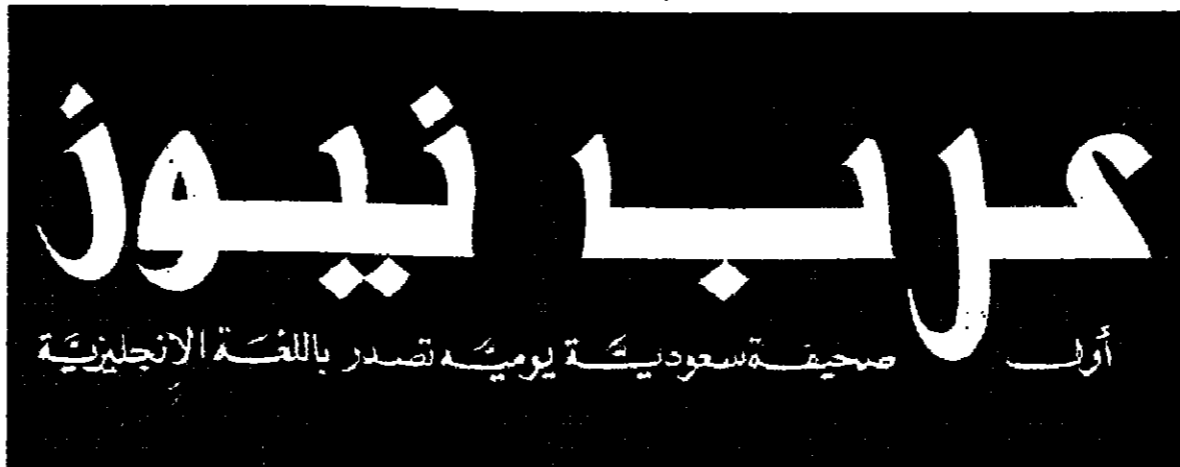
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# Bobby Sands lapses into coma

## Troops brace for violence

BELFAST, May 3 (Agencies) — Convicted Irish Republican Army guerrilla Bobby Sands lapsed into a coma early Sunday on the 64th day of his hunger strike at Northern Ireland's Maze prison, IRA's political arm said. Britain's Northern Ireland Office however, refused to confirm the report. A spokesman said only that Sands' condition continued to deteriorate.

Sinn Fein, the outlawed IRA's political front, said the 27-year-old Sands slipped into a coma in the early hours Sunday and remained unconscious. Sinn Fein said in a statement that a room was set aside in the prison hospital for Sands' relatives. IRA reported late Saturday that Sands had completely lost his sight and all feeling on the right side of his body.

Sinn Fein said it received word that Sands had lapsed into a coma from Oliver Hughes, brother of fellow hunger striker Francis Hughes, 25, on the 50th day of his fast at the Maze. Hughes, who reported to be worsening fast, was visited by his brother Sunday. Sinn Fein said Sands' 26-year-old sister, Marcella

Kelly, also was at the prison and spoke with Hughes' brother.

Two other IRA activists also are on hunger strike at the Maze prison. The Northern Ireland Office said, "the condition of Sands and the three other hunger strikers continues to deteriorate." Sinn Fein's statement came as thousands of supporters of Sands prepared for protest marches throughout the province.

British Northern Ireland Minister Humphrey Atkins met police and British army chiefs in Belfast Saturday. He said they had assured him the security forces were capable of containing any outbreak of violence. The 11,000 British troops and 14,000 police and military reservists in Northern Ireland are braced for an expected outburst of violence if Sands dies.

Sands' mother, Mrs. Rosaleen Sands, 56, said last week that she had promised her son not to allow doctors to save his life if he lapsed into a coma. Doctors were reported constantly at the bedside of Sands, who was lying on a waterbed. "I think he is coming up to near the end," Mrs. Sands said before visiting her son Sunday. "I can't see how he can last much longer."

Sands' sister said, "it is heartbreaking to sit and hold his hand and look at his face." Sands, who was elected to the British parliament on April 9, was reported to have lost 56 pounds — to a skeletal 90 pounds — since he

began his hunger strike March 1.

He and the other Maze hunger strikers were attempting to force the British government to grant five demands, which the government said amounted to political status for jailed IRA guerrillas. The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has refused.

It was reported that the government had no immediate plans to move Sands to an outside hospital. "He would be far too weak to be moved anywhere," his sister said. "If he is moved he starts to vomit. His coordination has gone."

Sinn Fein said Sunday that some of 65 Republicans arrested a week ago had been released, though the British authorities refused to confirm the information. Anti-terrorism legislation allows suspects to be held for seven days without charge.

Brief but violent clashes erupted Saturday night at Belfast in the Catholic Divis area. A British photographer was wounded in the head by a plastic riot-control bullet. In London a demonstration in support of hunger striker Hughes was planned for later Sunday at Toomebridge, near his birthplace.

Toomebridge is an emotive place for Republicans. Roddy McCortley, an 18 century Irish rebel against British rule, was hanged there and his body was buried in the foundations of the bridge which spans the River Bann.

# NATO allies urge talks with Soviets

ROME, May 3 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was urged by European allies Sunday to begin early exploratory talks with Moscow on limiting nuclear missiles. Foreign ministers of the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization met Haig in a series of private meetings to prepare for the yearly NATO conference starting Monday.

NATO's European members believe it has now become urgent to reopen U.S.-Soviet negotiations after a two-year standstill that has been marked by a sharp rise in East-West tensions. The Europeans were asking Haig to declare U.S. readiness to negotiate mutual limitations on European-based missiles and to set a reasonably timetable for preliminary discussions, senior diplomats said.

Haig had separate meetings with the foreign ministers attending the two-day session of the Atlantic Council. U.S. officials refused to say whether Haig would agree to a firm timetable, but senior European diplomats said they were confident he would announce U.S. readiness in principle to negotiate soon.

By the time Haig returns to Washington Tuesday, he will have had private meetings with all the foreign ministers of the 15-nation alliance.

# Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Those readers who know nothing of the British way of life will remain unmoved by the news that I was able, last Sunday, to attend a football match. Those who do, however, will immediately polarize into two groups: those muttering about the end of civilization as we know it, and those cheering the beginning of the end for The British Sunday, an institution they tend to think symbolic of all that is cheerless, staid, enclosed, in life here.

Sunday football is very new. And is, strictly speaking, against the law, which forbids buying and selling (except on a very limited scale) on the holy day. Tickets, therefore, cannot be sold. So your entrance is free, but you contribute toward the cost of the program, which you have to do. And by sheer chance, of course, the size of the contribution is the exact amount of the ticket.

I happened to be with a British friend at the time, and as we completed the transac-

tion and settled down to watch, I told him the story which it reminded me of: There was this bedouin who lost his camel, and looked for its everywhere in vain. Finally, in despair, he vowed that if he found it he would sell it for one riyal, no more no less. He then found the animal, and there was no way to keep the oath.

So he took the camel and wound an old bit of rope round its neck. The camel, he told everyone, is for sale for exactly one riyal. The rope however has to be sold with it, and for ninety-nine riyals. If you think the rope is a bit overpriced, then sorry, no deal...

I was going to elaborate further on the cultural parallels the story exposes, touch upon the archaic aspect of some British laws and whether they are a good or a bad thing...but there was an almighty roar and I looked round to see everyone, my friend included, standing on their seats cheering madly as our team pressed hard on the enemy...

Translated from Asharaq Al Awsat

# Soviets fan out along Afghan border

QUETTA, Pakistan May 3 (AFP) — Soviet troops have spread out along the Afghan border with Pakistan after flushing out "mutineers and refugees" — including Kabul government troops — from Kandahar, Afghan refugees arriving here said Sunday.

According to an intellectual from Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, Afghan Mujahedeen who took control of most of the city last month had to pull back following massive Soviet retaliatory bombing which continued Friday and Saturday.

Soviet army units fanned out through southeastern Afghanistan in an attempt to capture several hundred Afghan soldiers who defected en masse when the Soviets attempted to transfer them after they failed to retake control of the town, the source said.

The Peshawar-based Mujahedeen group Hezbi Islami Afghanistan reported "heavy civilian casualties" in several days fighting the Kandahar area. The group said that Mujahedeen have refused to negotiate with Afghan authorities.

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## Budget

Agriculture and Water, the General Organization for the Conversion of Saline Waters, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, the General Organization for Electricity, the Ministry of Commerce and the General Organization for Grain Silos. This sector has been allocated SR21.140 billion, of which SR15.980 has been earmarked for projects and SR5.160 billion for recurring expenditures. Of all this, SR11.290 billion has been allocated for agriculture and water and SR6.782 billion for industry and electricity. The budget allocation for this sector records an increase of SR1.770 billion, or 10 per cent, over that of the year preceding.

Among the new projects include desalination plants, transport lines and pumping plants to supply water to Makkah, Taif and Assir region. Additionally, preparations will be made to install desalination plants for water supply in Qassim, Hail and Tabuk regions as well as other water networks and water treatment plants in different urban and rural areas and settlements.

Moreover, budget sanctions have been made for new projects to expand and beautify electrical installations in Tabuk, Arar and Aflaj.

(D) Social and Health Development  
This sector comprises the Ministry of Health, social affairs, social insurance, information and youth welfare. A sum of SR13.616 billion has been allocated for this sector, of which SR6.545 billion have been earmarked for projects and SR7.070 billion for recurring expenditures. SR6.831 billion

has been allocated for health expenditure and SR3.115 billion for social affairs and youth welfare. The allocations for this sector register an increase of SR1.283 billion, or 10 per cent, over that of fiscal year 1400/1401.

Under the Health Ministry's budget, nine new hospitals will be constructed including a 500-bed hospital in Dammam, two health institutes for the training of health technicians and health assistants and extension to hospitals in Tabuk, Jaf and Arar.

It is worthwhile mentioning that the above mentioned health allocations are confined to the expenditure on health services rendered by the ministry, and does not include the health services which other institutions, such as defense, security, universities and others offer.

(E) Infrastructures  
This sector includes housing, public works, pilgrimage facilities and infrastructure programs in the industrial towns of Jubail and Yanbu. The new budget allocates SR14.062 billion for this sector, of which SR13.700 has been earmarked for projects and SR361 million for recurring expenditures. The allocated amount shows an increase of SR2.218 billion, or 20 per cent, over that of the year preceding.

(F) — Municipal services  
This sector comprises the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, municipalities, rural complexes and water departments. The new budget allocation for this head is SR26.290 billion, of which SR22.700 are for projects and SR3.588 for recurring expenses. The amount allocated

shows an increase of SR6.546 billion, or 33 per cent, over last year's allocations.

(G) Military and security sectors  
The overall allocation for the sectors is SR 82.530 billion, showing an increase of SR13.587 billion, or 19 per cent, over the allocations of 1400/1401. These allocations include provisions for large-scale housing projects for the personnel of these sectors.

(H) Public Administration sector  
It includes other auxiliary government departments for which the new budget has allocated SR 9.863 billion, which shows an increase of SR 1.900 billion, or 24 per cent, or that of the year preceding.

(I) Local subsidies  
The new budget includes local subsidy

Allocations	
University of Petroleum and Minerals	931 927
King Faisal University	730 540
Imam Muhammad Bin Saud Islamic University	1,148 696
Medina Islamic University	314 247
Ummul Qura University	432 —
The General Organization of Technical Education and Vocational Training	1,701 1,118
Social Development Sector	
Health Ministry	6,831 6,494
Information Ministry	1,573 1,442
Social Affairs	2,104 1,710
Youth Welfare	2,690 2,680
Transportation and Communications Sector	
Communications Ministry	11,762 7,594
Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Ministry	7,388 8,493
Civil Aviation	11,360 10,993
Ports Authority	3,514 3,836
The General Railroad Organization	958 678
Saudia	5,448 5,136
Resources Sector	
Agriculture Ministry	3,963 4,160
Saline Water Conversion Corporation	7,327 6,416
Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ministry	1,294 1,615
Industry and Electricity Ministry	6,782 4,847
Agricultural Bank	2,654 1,080
Grain Silos and Flour Mills Corporation	1,217 630
Petronas	398,230 387
Electricity Organization	2,775 3,020

programs including subsidies for foodstuffs, local agricultural and animal products as well as subsidies for athletic clubs and electricity. The budget allocates SR 9.100 billion for this sector.

(III) Allocations for local loans  
A sum of SR 24.850 billion has been allocated for real estate, industrial and agricultural loan funds with a view to shaping the productive national capital and boosting housing programs for the citizens.

In the end, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy hopes that the budget, like the previous ones, would provide the right path toward the realization of major objectives and aspirations which received full concern of the King and the crown prince.

Infrastructure Sector	
Public Works and Housing Ministry	6,444 5,758
Jubail and Yanbu Royal Commission	7,062 5,570
Municipal Services Sector	
Municipalities and Rural Settlements	21,967 17,769
Water and Sewage Departments	4,325 1,973
Pensions	2,717 2,485
Red crescent	93 81

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